



Sermon Discussion Guide
Week of 10/23/2016

➤ Icebreaker:

What is your favorite food? What is your favorite restaurant?

➤ Announcements:

If you haven't already, take time to go over the Lifegroup Covenant.

Invite a friend to join your LifeGroup and to attend our series "Rain."

➤ Prayer Time:

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Week #4 Where does rain...

What are some of the fears people have today- besides bacon and hats ☺? What anxieties surface when people think about the economy, politics, terrorism, racism, and violence?

What are some ways people cope with the stress evil creates? Discuss the three common coping mechanisms discussed Sunday: Escape... Blame... Denial. How well are these working?

How can blame in particular make societal problems worse? What happens when one group of people feels unfairly blamed? How can their reaction cause a cycle of retribution and ill will?

Why have secular saviors like education, technology, gun control, and political views that speak of "automatic progress" failed so miserably? What do the following verses say about the real problem: Romans 3:9-23; Jeremiah 17:9. Why is the inner heart problem ignored? Why is Stephen Hawking's plan to occupy another planet doomed?

Read Genesis 3:1-10. According to the following verses what do we know about the serpent: Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Jude 6; Revelation 12:3-9; 1 Timothy 3:6? What is the mission of the serpent? What is he hoping to accomplish? Who does he want Adam and Eve to become like? What are his intentions?

What is the solution to evil in our world? Read Romans 3:23-24; John 14:6; 1 John 4:9-10; 1 John 1:9; Revelation 12:10-12.

Why is it so important to tell others about Jesus? What are some ways we can do that without being "preachy?" How might telling our story and inviting people to church be part of the process?

Who could you invite to church to hear Good News?

> Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...