



WHERE IS GOD WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

When we are brought face-to-face with the pain and suffering that is part of our human experience we often struggle for understanding, and we begin to question: "Where is God? How could God allow this to happen?" Often, we search with difficulty to find God in the apparent absence of all things good.

Join us as we reflect together on God's compassionate and loving presence in the midst of hard times. We will draw on Scripture, the wisdom of our Catholic tradition, contemporary spiritual writers, and our personal experiences as we wrestle with these thorny issues in our search for understanding and comfort.

Join us on Thursday evenings in October as we seek to understand God's presence and activity in troubling times, calling on Jesus as our companion and guide.

Facilitator: Michelle Sullivan

Where: The Adult Education Center, 141 N. Hickory Avenue

When: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays:

Oct. 5th: IMAGINING GOD: WHO IS GOD FOR ME?

We will reflect on our personal image of God and discuss how this image affects how we relate to and experience God in daily life. Scripture and the wisdom of some of our great Catholic thinkers will deepen and refine our understanding.

Oct. 12th: HOW CAN GOD ALLOW BAD THINGS TO HAPPEN?

How might you answer this question? What does Scripture tell us about brokenness and suffering? How have others answered this question?

Oct. 19th: STORIES OF HOPE – KENDAL LEE SHARES HER STORY

Hear how Kendal, a St. Margaret parishioner, experienced God's presence and actions during a difficult time. Reflect on what her story might tell us about our own stories.

Oct. 26th: MAKING SENSE OF SUFFERING: OUR RESPONSE

Reflect on how we have experienced God's presence (or absence) in suffering and explore what skills we can cultivate to help us find God in the painful parts of life.

Can't make them all?

That's ok! While connected and related, you can meaningfully participate in each of the gatherings without attending all.

Registration encouraged

So we can prepare accordingly, we encourage you to please register with Michelle Sullivan at Saint Margaret Parish Office (410.879.2670 x 126) or mksullivan@stmargaret.org.