

THE STORY OF THE THREE RINGS: THE EFFECT OF BROKENNESS

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BIG IDEA

The lost and broken are not my enemies; they are captives of my enemy.

OUTLINE

1. Where does evil come from and what is it?
 - Evil Evil is a perversion of God's plans
 - Evil Evil is a parasite of goodness
 - Evil Evil precedes some suffering
2. How is God dealing with evil and suffering?
3. How can I help others deal with suffering?
4. What do I do when I am suffering
 - Trust God's community
 - Trust God's capacity
 - Trust God's character

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you struggle with the concept of an all-powerful God allowing evil to exist? Why or why not?
2. In light of the evil you've experienced or know of, do you believe God is just?
3. Be honest, do you wish God would fight evil different than He does?
4. Do you consider yourself evil based on the message today? Why or why not?
5. When you're in the midst of dealing with suffering, what is the best way to remember Ephesians 6:12 (look it up)? Discuss reasonable ways to respond.

NEXT STEP

- I will be aware of how I can help someone suffering from the effects of evil.