

Answering the 'why' questions

Matthew 27:46 / Mark 15:34

1. Why do I have to go through times?

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

To realise the dark is me.

To utilise the light to me.

2. Why do I have to call and again?

Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray, and not give up. Luke 18:1

Persistence gives 'Is this what I really need?'

Persistence gives 'Is this where I want to go?'

3. Why do I keep God?

Forsaken: + +

MythBuster 1. Jesus' humanity felt forsaken

MythBuster 2. Jesus' humanity wanted answers

The Plan: John 1:29, John 2:18-22, Matthew 12:39-40, Matthew 20:28 / Mark 10:45, Matthew 16:21, John 10:17-18, Matthew 27:62-64.

MythBuster 3. The Father turned His back on Jesus

Where there is evil, Your eyes are too pure to look upon it with favour.

Habakkuk 1:13a

Was Jesus forsaken by the Father? Yes! The Father left Jesus to alone bear the full brunt of sin's penalty.

Was Jesus cut off from the Father? No! You will be scattered, each to his own place, and you will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. John 6:32

. can easily be broken.

. can never be broken.

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the sacrifice that obliterates our sins. 1 John 2:1-2
God has said, Never will I leave you. Never will I forsake you. Heb.13:5

My prayer priorities for the week beginning 24 March 2019

Today's song selection

Worthy of all praise | He's everything to me | God is our strength and refuge | And God cried | Shepherd of my soul | It's about the cross | How deep the Father's love for us | Jesus is the answer

Starting points for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Can you walk through your house in the dark?
2. The 3 hours of darkness while Jesus was on the cross is presented as not a natural phenomenon. Suggest why God brought this darkness.
3. Suggest some reasons why God does not immediately answer our good prayers.
4. Why is it helpful to know the difference between "fellowship" and "relationship"?
5. What is the definition of 'forsaken' that makes it different from 'abandoned'? Did God the Father abandon Jesus when He was on the cross (John 6:32).
6. Who was Jesus trying to reach when he asked, "...why have you forsaken Me?"? What message was He trying to convey?
7. Read Hebrews 13:5. What does that mean?

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