

Family Worship

For the week of November 9

Deceived Series Willow Creek Baptist Church
Pastor Mike Augsburger Nov. 1, 2009

A Necessary Evil

Various

Day One

Read: John 6
Prayer requests:
Missionaries

Day Two

Read: John 7
Prayer requests:
Unsaved

Day Three

Read: Exodus 6
Prayer requests:
Pastors and church ministries

Day Four

Read: Proverbs 6
Prayer requests:
Government and military

Day Five

Read: Romans 6
Prayer requests:
Friends and family

Options:

1. **Finitism**--A _____ of omnipotence
2. **Determinism**--A _____ of God's goodness
3. **Christian** _____ --A denial of _____
4. **Heroism**--Evil is a _____ part of God's _____

I. The _____ and His _____

- A. The _____ of God's plan
- B. The _____ of God's plan

II. The _____ and _____

- A. It didn't catch him by _____
- B. He didn't _____ to evil
- C. God's role in _____

III. The _____ evil in the _____ plan

- A. Its place in the creation of _____
- B. Its place in the creation of _____
- C. Its place in the _____ plan of _____
- D. Its place in the _____ plan of _____

Applications & Conclusions:

Acts 2:42 Community Group Homework

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Getting Started

1. When you were growing up, did you have a favorite super-hero? A "favorite" villain?
2. Is there anything in this Sunday's sermon that was particularly helpful? Difficult?

Into the Bible

3. The big picture of God's plan is summarized in Ephesians 1:3-14. Look for purpose statements and repeated phrases and words. In other words, why are we here and what motivates God's will?

4. In the story of Exodus, the Bible says that the Pharaoh of Egypt both hardened his own heart and that God hardened his heart. Are these contradictory? More importantly, why did God raise up Pharaoh? Read Exodus 9:16 and Romans 9:14-23.

5. Jot down thoughts from Genesis 45:1-8. What do you know about Joseph's life? Who did Joseph say had accomplished this? Why?

6. Compare situations in Matthew 16:21-23 and John 13:21-30. Write down observations about the similarities or differences in the role of Satan in these passages. In each case, what is the goal of our Lord Jesus Christ?

7. Write down other examples of people or situations in Scripture where God specifically used evil as part of His plan

8. How does the conflict of evil in the world contribute to God's status as the "hero of history"?

Application

9. It seems clear from Scripture that God has always only operated "Plan A." How does that help you make sense of evil, suffering, and death in the world in general, and in your lives specifically?

10. How does God's oversight of evil impact our ability to trust him?

