



“Grow the Kingdom”

Part 1: Reverse the Curse

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Today’s Question: Why do _____
happen to _____?

Write down some of the areas of loss that
you have experienced in your life:

HIS ORIGINAL CREATION

*“So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them; male
and female he created them.*

*God blessed them and said to them, “Be
fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth
and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea
and the birds in the sky and over every living
creature that moves on the ground.”*

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

God made man and woman in _____,
as a _____ of Him to fill the
earth, subdue it, and rule over it together.

CONSEQUENCES OF PEOPLE MAKING THEIR OWN LAWS

“The serpent told the Woman, “You won’t die... you’ll see what’s really going on. You’ll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil.”

Genesis 3:4-5 (MSG)

The serpent got us to _____ if we were really made in God’s image. Then we _____ and made our _____.

Remember we are asking why bad things like natural disasters happen: Let’s look at God’s creation after our disobedience:

- Relationships are broken between people and the land
- Relationships are broken between people and people
- Relationships are broken between God and people
- There is death

WAIT, THERE’S HOPE!

God set forth a plan to _____ what the _____ caused in the world

“ he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.”

Exodus 12:23 (NIV)

God knew that we couldn't do it on our own, so **He sent Jesus** as the **ultimate** sacrifice.

"All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus. Through his faithfulness, God displayed Jesus as the place of sacrifice where mercy is found by means of his blood. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness in passing over sins that happened before,"

Romans 3:23-25 (CEB)

JESUS' MINISTRY ON EARTH

Jesus **first** preaches that the Kingdom of God is at hand and what it should look like (Matt. 5-7)

Then He **displays** what the Kingdom **looks like** through His remarkable _____ over _____ (Matt. 8-9)

1. Power of people
2. Power over the earth
3. Power over sickness and death
4. Power to forgive sins

Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" Jesus responded, "Why are you afraid?"

You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. The disciples were amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked. “Even the winds and waves obey him!”

Matthew: 23-27 (NLT)

The Kingdom is here _____, but it is not yet fully restored

“But if I cast out the demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Luke 11:20 (NASB)

“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

Acts 3:19-21 (ESV)

Pray for the Kingdom to come now
Matthew 6:9-13 “Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.”

