“The Good Fight”

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Session #5

**“The Moral Argument and the Problem of Suffering”**

1. If God does not exist, then objective moral \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do not exist.
2. Objective moral \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exist.
3. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exists.

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1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ order as well as a physical order.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refer to whether something is good or bad.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refers to whether something is right or wrong.
4. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience is like a 6th sense.
5. If we can be good it is only because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exists.
6. The two approaches to the problem of suffering are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. If a person has an intellectual problem with suffering, we need to know if they believe it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for God and suffering to coexist.
8. Suffering makes far more sense from a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perspective.
9. The answer to the emotional problem of suffering is the truth that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ loves me!

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does it mean to you to be a “good person”?
2. Why do you think it is important that our moral truths be objective rather than subjective?
3. Why do we not punish animals for harming each other like we punish humans? Do we have the same moral value?
4. If our moral system is the product of evolution and not a divine law-giver, why or why not are we obligated to follow it?
5. Does the suffering you see in the world around you make you doubt God's existence?  Why?
6. Could God have reasons to allow suffering in the world?  What might they be?
7. Do you think it would it have been possible to create a world without suffering, and yet still give human beings free will?
8. Have you ever known a person who has rejected God because of emotion rather than intellect? How could you help this person to see that God exists and loves them dearly?

**5. Lovely:** Gracious, Pleasing

* John 12:3-4
* Matthew 26:12
* Luke 7:36-50

**6. Good Repute:** Character, The actions and words that make up what someone or something is, Being known for what something truly is and being know for what you have done

* Acts 6:3
* 1Timothy 5:10

**7. If there is any excellence:** Moral, Goodness, Redemptive acts, power (of God)

* Genesis 1:1-5
* Luke 7:1-10

**8. If there is anything worthy of praise** Commendation, Approval, A praiseworthy thing

* Mark 12:41-44