



Redeeming Notes

"Why Do Bad Things Happen?"

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1. It's always easier to focus on the negative than the positive.

2. Jesus Christ is born, but evil still exists.

3. Who is God?

Creation is bigger than we can imagine, but God chose to share His life with us.

What we know about the Gospel of Matthew based on the first two chapters:

1) God has chosen to be in relationship with us, knowing that we'll never get there.

2) We live in a world that pulls us in different directions, but we are still responsible for our actions.

Small Group Questions:

1) Reflect on this past year. What were some good things that stand out? What made them good?

2) As you reflect on this past year, what are some of the things that you have wrestled with? What made them difficult?

3) In Sunday's message, we talked about different ways that people understand God. When either good or bad things happen in your life, how does God fit into your understanding of that situation?