



WHEN GOD Part 1: When God is Inattentive

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share an example of God answering your prayers during a difficult situation.
2. Describe a time when God seemed inattentive to your circumstances. Did it rattle your faith?
3. Why is it difficult for us to trust God during difficult times?
4. Matthew 11:6 implies that God may do or allow things that make it difficult to continue believing in him. Has your faith ever been challenged by your circumstances? Explain.
5. Read Matthew 11:2-6, 14:6-12. How does the fact that Jesus didn't rescue John the Baptist from imprisonment and death challenge your assumptions about God's priorities?
6. Read Philippians 2:8-11. How could this passage strengthen your faith during challenging seasons of life?

MOVING FORWARD

Your personal circumstances do not necessarily coincide with God's feelings about you. God's apparent inactivity in your life is not a reflection of his activity in the world. If God currently feels inattentive, look back at what God has done for you, and out at his activity in the world around you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."

2 Corinthians 1:8b-9