

Year Seven Term Four

Why do Bad things happen to Good people?

Discuss **definitions**: (record answers in a table)

Good	Bad

Discuss why students think good people deserve good things and why bad people deserve bad things. (this could also be discussed before the above table is drawn up)

Bible: Show and talk through the following verses

Mark 10:17-18

- Only God is good

Romans 3:23

- No one is good because we all sin

Romans 6:23

- the consequence of sin is death

Genesis 3:17-19

- The world is broken as well

Therefore: Bad things happening has is a result of sin. Our personal relationship with God is broken and the world doesn't work right as well

The answer: Is found in Romans 6:23 "BUT the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Close with answering students questions and offering Gospels.

For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord

Romans 6:23

For all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good – except God alone.

Mark 10:17-28

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I

commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken."

Genesis 3:17-19