

WHY DID GOD CREATE US KNOWING WE WOULD SIN?

Getting Ready:

Unasked and unanswered questions are the most dangerous obstacle to unbelievers and the greatest stumbling block to disciples. This particular question has kept many people from becoming believers until they find good answers, most notably Augustine of Hippo.

May God grant us the humility to seek answers from Him and the wisdom to apply the Scriptures effectively in our search for truth.

To Discuss:

Have you ever asked a question like this before? Why do you think this is an important question?

How can we answer questions that don't have answers explicitly stated in the text of Scripture?

Why is knowing God an important element to answering questions like this?

What does it mean to sin and what bearing does that have on our answer? Is there a difference between being wrong and being evil? Are all wrong things necessarily evil things?

What possible reasons could God have for creating us in the first place?

Read through Ephesians 2.1-10. How does that passage apply to this question? What are some of the most interesting elements in that passage?

God warned Cain that sin desired him (cf. Gen 4.7). What does this mean and how does it apply to our question?

To Do:

Study the creation account and learn what it means to be good and evil.

Learn the role of wisdom literature and how that applies to our choices every day.

Find or start a small group with the purpose of asking and discussing questions. Your spiritual health and growth depends on asking and answering questions.

Meditate on the grace and mercy of God, and allow the overflow of our thanksgiving to find expression in sharing the gospel of Christ with others.