**Introduction**

**I Believe in God, but…**

I don’t think that he is fair.

Example #1: “I just don’t understand how some people are going to hell, and they never even had a chance to hear the Word. Like, what about all of those people living in the jungles of Africa? They are isolated, separated from the modern technologies that would even allow them to hear about Jesus! How is that fair?”

Example #2: If God is love, why are there natural disasters? Why do we turn on the news and see events like the shooting in Las Vegas, any one of the hurricanes down south, or the wildfires in California? What did those people do? How is that fair?

Example #3: A pastor, whose family loses the baby they have been preparing for, yet millions of babies born outside of wedlock and left for someone else to take care of. The Christian family that struggles to make ends meet, yet the rich and the famous, are mostly atheists. We live in a country that celebrates homosexuality, “transgenderism”, and all kinds of sexual promiscuity, yet Christians are the ones who are persecuted for standing up for what they believe in. How is any of this fair?

**BUT THEY NEVER HAD A CHANCE…**

What is the problem at the core of example 1?

Why do you suppose that is?

**Read Proverbs 22:6 and Numbers 14:18.** What insight do we gain as to why some people seem to have no chance?

Application: How is God unfair?

**Why Do Bad Things Happen?**

**Read Ezekiel 33:11.** If we are to take God at his Word, where do we have to start when talking about the seemingly random events, that lead to the death of many people, who may not know Jesus yet?

**Read Romans 8:19-23.** Why is this whole creation “groaning”?

So what is the reason that natural disasters happen?

Application: How is God unfair?

**Bad things, Good people-- Good things, Bad People**

Why does this world seem to prosper, while Christians struggle?

**John 17:14-16**

**1 John 3:13**

**1 Peter 4:12-14**

This is not a new problem or observation. **Psalm 73**

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**The Ultimate Unfairness**

Ezekiel 18:20

2 Corinthians 5:21

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, therefore I will hope in him.” Lamentations 3:22-24

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