



Asking for A Friend: Pastor Mark Pope
September 12 & 13, 2020

1. If you could ask God one question, what would it be?
2. Pastor Mark's first point was that tragedy is better understood by acknowledging God's bigger picture. Why do you think it is easier for some people to see the bigger picture and others to get stuck in the details?
3. Read Acts 12:1-18

This passage is the account of Peter in prison and being miraculously released. What was the bigger picture in this story? Who paid a price in this story so the bigger picture could continue?
4. Read Matthew 10:29

This passage is talking about God's care for us. When have you seen God's care for you in your life?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12: 8-9

Why do you think God allowed Paul's issue to continue?
6. Pastor Mark's second point was Tragedy is better understood by recognizing evil intentioned people. He then went on to say that God is not the villain in this story. Why do we so often blame God for evil and bad things that happen?
7. Read James 1:16-17

What do we learn about God from this passage?
8. On a scale from 1-10, how aware are you of God's bigger picture?
9. What is one action that you can take this week to keep God's bigger picture in mind?