

Introduction and Review

I. Purpose of the class – \_\_\_\_\_

a. Two steps in the class

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

II. What Happened to Our World?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

i. In the Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. At the end: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. But what about in between?

b. Implications

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III. A Brief Survey of Broad Categories

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c. \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Questions**

1. How can a Biblical understanding of the relationship between suffering and evil be an important part of the foundation to prepare for suffering?
2. Discuss what we deserve from God versus what we've received from God and how that should impact our view of suffering.
3. When we consider what a Christian's ultimate hope should be, how should that influence our perspective when we see governments acting for good and/or evil?
4. Considering again a Christian's ultimate hope, how should that influence our reaction to both experiencing and seeing/interacting with poverty in our society?
5. How can we avoid becoming numb to news and reports of disasters and tragedy from around the world?