

**“WORLDVIEW IN FOCUS”**  
**Session 8: “Why is the world so messed up?”**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

I John 1:8

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

**I. Why is there evil in the world?**

**Video interview: Charles Colson and Rick Warren**

*Bad and good people: what is the human condition?*

Define:

- Sin
- Transgression
- Iniquity

Nature, nurture and culture

The war inside of me

**For Group Reflection:**

**Q: What are some other explanations of why the world is such a mess? Do any of them sound convincing? What about temptation?**

**Q: How much do nature, nurture and culture influence human behavior and sin?**

## **II. Why doesn't God stop it?**

### **Video Interview: Charles Colson and Rick Warren**

How other religions view the problem of evil

Can a person be good without God?

Why didn't God wipe out sin?

- A. Free choice
- B. Show our need for a savior
- C. To demonstrate His grace

### **For Group Reflection:**

**Q: Which of the reasons given for why God allows evil stand out to you and make the most sense?**

**Q: What is the difference between acceptance and approval?**

