

## **Where is God when disaster strikes?**

### **1. Natural disasters...**

- 2005 Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, Nepal Earthquake

### **2. Personal disasters**

- Sickness and disease
- Disability and suffering

### **3. First we need to acknowledge that there is a problem, and it's a BIG problem.**

- Suffering naturally generates a 'why' question in us – why does a good God let this happen?
- We should take care never to 'normalise' the presence of suffering in God's creation.

### **4. Some things that we can say...**

- This world is a broken one, so we shouldn't be surprised that all is not well.
- A world of suffering needs hope... and a world without Jesus has no hope.
- Our desire for something better helps us see we're made for something better.
- God is ever present, even in the midst of our pain.
- God has suffered as we have – and so understands what we go through.
- Part of the response is to see that we are called to a life of relational community.