

SUFFERING

How can a loving God allow so much suffering?

- messed-up world



REBELLION – the world is not as it was

- ‘of man’s first disobedience’
- ‘all our woe’

CONSEQUENCES – actions have consequences

- if I were God...
- meaningful choices

INJUSTICE – present suffering is not God punishing you

- the righteous suffer

- the wicked prosper

HOPE – the world is not as it will be

- resurrection world

- final justice

PRESENCE – God is for us and with us

- the cross: God for us

- the resurrection: God with us

PURPOSE – God works through suffering

- Jesus’ suffering

- our suffering