



August 17, 2023

Social Time

Thanks to those who provided Treats

Bible Study Business

Music – Led by Lisa Scholterback

- ELW 556 - *Morning Has Broken*
- ELW 838 - *Beautiful Savior*
- Back of agenda - *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Book Discussion – Chapter 5 “God Leaves Room for Us to be Human”

Interpretation of the Genesis text

How does the knowledge of mortality affect our lives? Is that knowledge a gift, a burden, or both?

Where was God in the Holocaust? Rabbi Kushner believes God couldn't intervene because it would interfere with free will. What do you think?

Do you think Hitler had control over his choices to be so destructive?

- Did Hitler's childhood issues interfere with his freedom to make moral choices?
- Have you known people so damaged by their upbringing that it resulted in a series of immoral decisions as adults?
- Did they have control over their choices?

What role do people have to play in holding evil of others in check?

- What is hard about that?
- What prices can people pay for trying to stop immoral behavior of others?

Was there truly nothing God could do to prevent the Holocaust?

- Do you think God did intervene in some ways?

Birthdays

Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer

I Need Thee Every Hour

1. I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
 - *Refrain:*
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.
2. I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.
3. I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
4. I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.