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1. We live in a world of seeming paradoxes—love and hate, life and death, joy and sorrow—how have you seen these paradoxes manifested in your own life?
2. Even in a fallen world, God is upholding things by His power. What examples do we see of this in Scripture? What examples of this have you seen in your own life?
3. Sinful choices can have far-reaching consequences. Adam and Eve's sinful choice resulted in God's punishment of them and the entire creation, and we still live under the effects of the Fall today. How have sinful choices you've made affected others? How long-term have these consequences been?

4. Although sinful choices have consequences, we are not without hope! How did God give hope to Adam and Eve? How can we rely on this same hope today?
5. Beginning with man's ideas about the past apart from God's Word, how is death and suffering understood? Apart from God's Word and the gospel, is there any real help or hope for those who are hurting and suffering?
6. Many unbelievers use the question, If there is a good God, why is there death and suffering in the world? to "stump" Christians. Why is this question not a problem for us to answer? Why would a good question for unbelievers be, If death and suffering are a natural part of the world, why try to prevent it and find relief from it?
7. When it comes to the issue of death and suffering, how are many atheists inconsistent in their worldview? How could we use this to help them see that only the biblical worldview is truly consistent?

8. Some Christians believe that God used evolution and millions of years to bring every living thing into existence. How is this view contrary to Scripture as it relates to the issues of sin and death? How does an incorrect view of sin and death affect the gospel?
9. Why is the history in the first 4 C's foundational to a proper understanding of sin, death, and the problem of evil? Why is this history necessary for a proper understanding of the last 3 C's and the solution to sin, death, and evil?
10. Can you think of ways that you can use a biblical understanding of death and suffering when witnessing to those who are hurting and suffering?

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