



SMALL GROUP STUDY

Job and His Ultimate Rotten Day

Job is a book of suffering. We find a man who is very wealthy who loses everything; his sons and daughters, his servants and his livestock. He has friends, but they are of no comfort. Through it all he still has the faith and trust in God to say, “though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”

Physical Malady

Job suffers physical loss as well as physical problems. Satan accuses Job of being a mercenary, insinuating that Job only fears God because he is extremely blessed.

Discussion Questions:

- a. How does God describe Job?
- b. What disasters befell Job?
- c. What were Job’s responses to his suffering?

Spiritual Reality

Though Job is the main character of the book, there are other players. Behind the physical realm is a spiritual realm where a very real spiritual battle is being waged. Satan is not currently hanging out in Hell, he is people-watching. Although he is powerful, remember, he only operates with God’s permission.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What was Job’s response to his wife when she told him to, “curse God and die.”?
- b. Consider your life: what spiritual warfare is currently going on in your life.
- c. Examine your heart: What is your natural/first response to trials?

Mental Agony

Job’s three friends ponder the issue of his suffering. They believe that Job has sinned and that God is punishing him. Though Job did not know where God was or what He was up to, he knew that God knew where he was.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Who are Job’s three friends? And, how does Job refer to them in chapter 16?
- b. What is Job’s response to his friends that shows his faith in God?
- c. Where do you find Jesus Christ in the book of Job?
- d. Examine your heart: What kind of listener are you?

Ultimate Victory

God now responds by asking a question, “where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?” Basically He says “I’m God, you’re not.” Job gets it. He submits, repents to God and admits that God is sovereign. He prays for his friends and God restores all that was lost and more.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Examine your heart: In or after trials can you still turn back to God and worship like Job?
- b. Discuss the Lord’s command to Job to pray for his friends and then Job’s restoration (42:7-10)
- c. Examine your heart: Do you pray for those who misunderstand and accuse you?