

Small Group Questions

Questions from the Storm / Job 38

The book of Job is written like a play. There is action on two stages - what happens on Earth and what happens in heaven. While the present-day reader knows what is happening on both stages, the characters in the story (on Earth) do not. Job cannot see or hear what is happening in heaven, and in the end, he never even finds out why it happened. However, he discovers who God is, which is far more important than knowing the whole story.

1. What did you find most memorable about this weekend's message regarding Job's struggles?
2. Share one thing you're learning about God through this pandemic/ or something you learned about God during another storm in your life?
3. Read Job 1:1-5 and 1:20-22
 - 3.1. What kind of person was Job and how was he perceived by the people of Uz?
 - 3.2. What is Job's reaction when calamity strikes?
4. Read Job 2:4-5; 10
 - 4.1. What is the main question Satan is challenging to God?
 - 4.2. What happened to Job and how is his reaction different this time?
5. Read Job 38:2-7 and 42:12-15
 - 5.1. How does God respond to Job's question of why is he suffering?
 - 5.2. What does God's answer communicate to Job (and to us)?
 - 5.3. How does Job respond?
6. During the early part of Job's story, the amount of blessing that Job experiences is mistakenly seen as being proportional to the amount of obedience he offers to God. How does this belief influence the way that you approach your own life?
7. Job has an experience of Orientation-Disorientation-Reorientation with God. Have you had similar experiences where you believed something about God or Christianity and then your life experience / new learning of God forced you to reevaluate?
8. Close in a time of prayer