



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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JOB 1-3

“AND HE SAID, ‘NAKED I CAME FROM MY MOTHER’S WOMB, AND NAKED SHALL I RETURN. THE LORD GAVE, AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY; BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.’” - JOB 1:21

FROM THE TEXT

- WHEN IN THE BIBLICAL TIMELINE DOES THE STORY OF JOB TAKE PLACE? (HINT: THIS IS A BIT OF A TRICK QUESTION, BUT IT IS WORTH DOING A LITTLE EXTRACURRICULAR SEARCHING TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERING OPINIONS).
- WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT JOB FROM THE FOLLOWING VERSES: JOB 1:1-5; 1:8; 1:20-22; AND 2:3?
- WHAT CALAMITIES DOES JOB SUFFER IN JOB 1:13-19 AND 2:7-10. WHAT IS HE LEFT WITH?
- LOOK UP THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES: EXODUS 23:20-22; DEUT. 11:26-28; DEUT 12:28. WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE CORRELATION BETWEEN OBEDIANCE AND BLESSING? HOW IS JOB THE ANTITHESIS OF THIS?

FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY, YOU HEARD PASTOR CLAY SHARE JOB’S RESPONSE TO ALL THE CALAMITIES HE FACED (WORSHIP). HOW COULD JOB RESPOND THIS WAY AFTER SUCH DEVASTATION?
- AFTER TREMENDOUS LOSS AND EVEN HIS FRIENDS’ ACCUSATIONS, JOB IS LEFT WONDERING WHY HE IS SUFFERING. IN CHAPTERS 38-41 THE LORD ANSWERS HIM. WHAT IS GOD’S RESPONSE?
- READ JOB 42:5. AFTER ALL OF JOB’S SUFFERING, HOW DOES THE STORY END? WHAT DOES HE GAIN? HOW DOES PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9 SHED LIGHT ON WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THE BOOK OF JOB?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM JOB’S RESPONSE TO SUFFERING AND DIFFICULTY IN HIS LIFE? CONSIDER JOB’S SPECIFIC RESPONSES IN JOB 1:21 AND 2:9-10.
- JOB SHOWS US A PICTURE OF GOD’S ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY. READ ISAIAH 55:8-11. HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE HELP SHED LIGHT ON BOOK OF JOB? HOW DOES KNOWING THAT GOD HAS HIGHER PLANS AND TRUSTING THOSE PLANS AFFECT YOUR LIFE? DISCUSS A SPECIFIC AREA IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU NEED TO GROW IN TRUSTING THE LORD.
- WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY THIS WEEK AND HOW CAN WE HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE?

PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY FOR THE PERSEVERENCE OF THE SAINTS. PRAY THAT AS WE GO THROUGH DIFFICULTIES, TRIALS, AND TRIBULATIONS WE WOULD SUFFER WELL FOR GOD’S GLORY. THANK GOD FOR THE BLESSINGS HE HAS GIVEN YOU AND PRAY THAT YOU WOULD STEWARD THEM WELL FOR HIS NAMESAKE. PRAY FOR EYES TO SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES AND REJOICE IN HIS PLANS.