



Sermon Notes

Topic: Why Does God Allow Suffering?

Bible Passage: Job 23 : 1-7 and 42: 1-8

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Study Guide Overview

- Like us sometimes, Job wanted an explanation from God (Job 23:1-5)
- We all want a perfect world with no injustice (Job 23: 6-7)
- But in time, Job saw that he could never understand everything fully (Job 42:2-4)
- Trusting God eventually set Him free (Job 42:4-6)
- But all the time Job journeyed with God and received His blessing (Job 42:7-8)

Small Group Questions/Discussions

Is it okay to question God or to have doubts sometimes? The Bible says that in this whole process, Job did not sin. When does our attitude towards questioning God become a problem? Have you had to work through an issue like Job – how did that look and what was the outcome?

How do you respond to all the injustice in the world? Do you blame God? Suffering is complicated, are you able to trust God no matter what? If so, what is your reasoning -why can you trust God? Do you think God weeps too - why? Do you expect God to fix everything and make it right – not just in the future but right now? What sort of life would it be if God took control of every outcome?

In the end, Job could rest in a God whose plans were good. How do you live in this tension - Yes, God is loving and good – but there is still much suffering? Even in times of hurt and pain, how have you continued to journey with God? Has this enabled you to grow in understanding?

Why was God upset with Job's 3 friends, but not Job? What can we learn from this? Are you prepared to trust God, even though there are things we cannot understand, even though there is suffering in this life?