

The Season of Matariki

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Job 9:1-9

1. What is Matariki? What meaning does it have for you?
2. What season do you find yourself in at the moment? What season does it feel like SWBC is in? What about our world?
3. Why do you think the metaphor of season is one we so regularly apply to our lives?
4. What biblical texts do you know of that also talk about the seasons of life?
5. What do these texts say? What do they mean to you? How have you found them truthful/helpful?
6. Why is how we eat and who we eat with important?
7. What role did food play in the life and ministry of Jesus? Why was the sharing of food such an important part of how he operated?
8. Te Mata Ariki – to become face to face with the Lord. How might this season of Matariki be a time when you can get closer to God?
9. How might you pause and take time to reflect this Matariki? How would you like God to speak to you at this time?
10. How can we bring the presence of God to the places and spaces we enter this week?

Prayer points:

- Continue to pray for the situation in Israel/Palestine and in the Ukraine, and the people affected by these conflicts.
- Pray for the people of Papua New Guinea.
- Pray for another newly arrived refugee family – especially for permanent accommodation for them.