

## **Good Grief? Good God?**

### **Does God run the universe on the strict principle of fairness and justice?**

#### Discussion Questions:

How would you define fairness?

How would you define justice?

If you somehow traveled back in time and met Job and heard him and his friends talking, what would you say to him? What would you think of his theology? Do you see any gaps or flaws in his view of God? The world? Faith?

Does the idea that “we need time” for things to make sense help you with your own struggles and questions? Why or why not?

We believe God is good. We know it was Satan and not God who inflicted so much suffering on Job. Imagine a friend asks you “how was it good for God to allow Satan to cause Job so much pain and suffering?” How would you respond? How would your answer change if that person was a believer or an unbeliever?

How does “fixing your eyes on Jesus” help you in the middle of a struggle, the loss of a family member, the cancer diagnosis, the chronic pain, the breaking relationship, the addiction....

What is a theological truth that helps you and strengthens your faith in the middle of hard times or suffering? What is a “Christian platitude” that does not help you in the middle of hard times or suffering?