

SERMON GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO

- If you could put one truth from Scripture where you would see it every morning, what would it be and why?
- According to Matthew 5:11–12, should we be thankful when others criticize or falsely accuse us?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- In Job 27:2–6, how does Job hold together his complaints about God and his commitment to integrity? How do 1 Timothy 1:5 and 2 Timothy 2:22 help define that integrity?
- What change takes place between Job's words about his enemies in Job 27:7–10 and his actions toward his friends in Job 42:8?
- What do Job 27:13–23 and Matthew 7:26–27 teach about God's sovereignty and human responsibility?

TAKEAWAYS

KEEP A VERTICAL FOCUS

Colossians 3:1–4

- Job's understanding of his situation was limited, but his heart remained turned toward God. How can we keep seeking God when we do not understand what He is doing?
- According to Colossians 3:1–4, what are believers responsible for focusing on, and what truths about Christ make that focus possible?
- Find and share Scripture with the group that helps you look to Christ during suffering or confusion. Briefly explain how its truth redirects your focus from your circumstances to Christ who is crucified, risen, reigning, and coming again.

HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER GOD'S MIGHTY HAND

Job 27:13–23; 1 Peter 5:6–8

- How can temporary circumstances tempt us to doubt God's justice or His control? What does Job 27:13–23 say is ultimately certain?
- According to 1 Peter 5:6–8, what does humbling ourselves under God's mighty hand look like while we wait for Him to act?
- Now share a burden or uncertainty with the group that you are waiting on God to address. Pray for one another to cast those anxieties on Christ, resist the enemy, and trust God to act in His time.