

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

Suffering often exposes what we truly worship. Have you ever seen someone go through tragedy and cling to God?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 1:13-22

OVERWHELMED WITH TRAGEDY

- What does the quick movement from the heavenly scene to Job's suffering on earth teach us about the urgency and hostility of Satan's attacks?
- The tragedy in Job's life begins with the simple phrase, 'One day...' What does that teach us about how quickly life can change?
- The pace and intensity of Job's suffering in verses 13-17 is framed by the repeated phrase "*while he was still speaking...*" What does the piling up of tragedies tell us about the nature and severity of Job's testing?

OVERCOME WITH WORSHIP

- What does Job's statement about entering and leaving the world 'naked' teach us about the way he views possessions and life itself?
- Why do you think the Bible records that Job mourns deeply before he worships? Should he have pretended the loss did not devastate him?
- What does Job's statement, 'The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away,' tell us about how he viewed God?
- What is the contrast between Satan's accusations and Job's actual response?

TAKEAWAYS

HOLD EVERYTHING LOOSELY

Psalm 16:2; Luke 12:15

- How does Job's statement, "*The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away,*" challenge the way we normally think about our possessions, families, and even our time?
- What does it mean to say that apart from the Lord we have no good thing, even when we still have possessions, success, or people we love?
- What are some ways people tie their identity or security to things that don't last?

HOLD GOD IN THE HIGHEST REGARD

Psalm 90:14; 63:3; 2 Corinthians 6:10

- Brad quoted John Piper saying, "*God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.*" What does it say about us if losing God's gifts would destroy our ability to worship Him?
- What are some blessings from God that can quietly become idols? Things we treasure more than God Himself?
- How does worship during suffering expose what someone treasures most?