

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

Have you ever dropped everything to be with a grieving friend? Or maybe you've been the one grieving, and someone dropped everything to be there for you. Why does our presence with one another matter so much in suffering?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 2:11-13

- What stands out about the way Job's friends responded when they heard about his suffering? What does their willingness to travel to him reveal about biblical friendship?
- Job never sent for these friends, yet they came anyway. What can we learn from the fact that they showed up without being asked?
- Verse 12 shows the friends openly grieving with Job. What do their actions teach us about what it looks like to truly care for someone who is suffering?
- When the friends finally saw Job, they were shocked by how severe his suffering was. They still sat silent with him for seven days and nights. What does their willingness to stay near Job teach us about caring for people in painful situations?

TAKEAWAYS

BE QUICK TO LISTEN AND SLOW TO SPEAK

James 1:19; Romans 8:26-27; Galatians 6:2

- Why is being "quick to listen and slow to speak" especially important when someone is hurting?
- Why can simple presence sometimes help more than trying to immediately fix or explain someone's suffering?
- The Holy Spirit helps us when we do not know what to say. How does that encourage you when walking alongside someone in pain?
- How can we carry each other's burdens beyond offering words?

JOB POINTS US TO JESUS

Mark 14:32-42; 15:34; John 15:13

- How does Job's suffering prepare us to better understand the suffering of Jesus?
- Why do you think Scripture emphasizes how alone Jesus was in His suffering?
- Brad said that because of Christ's suffering, believers are never ultimately alone. How does the suffering of Jesus bring comfort to Christians in seasons of grief or pain?
- How does John 15:13 guide us as we care and support others?

KNOWLEDGE APPLIED

What does this teach us about people? About Jesus? How will we better obey Christ based on what we've just learned? Who will we share this with?