

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

James 1:19 says we should be "quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." Which of the three is hardest for you?.

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- Elihu waited respectfully while the older men spoke, but when his turn came, he was angry and "full of words." His response shows the value of listening and the danger of speaking carelessly. What do Job 32:1–5 and 32:18 reveal about Elihu before we even consider his arguments?
- God is righteous and never acts wickedly or unjustly. Even when His actions are beyond our understanding, His character remains completely trustworthy. What do Job 34:10–13, Genesis 18:25, and Psalm 11:7 establish as absolutely certain about God?
- Our obedience does not add anything to God or place Him in our debt. We serve Him because of who He is, not because our righteousness gives us a claim against Him. According to Job 35:6–8, what effect do human sin and righteousness have on God and how do they affect others?
- What accusation does Elihu make in Job 35:12–16, and what does he assume about Job's motives?
- What do Job 36:26, 37:1–5, and 37:23 show us about God and the limits of human understanding?

TAKEAWAYS

CONSIDER GOD'S WONDERS

Isaiah 40:25-26; Psalm 8:3-4

- Elihu tells Job to stop and consider God's wonders. According to Isaiah 40:25–26, what can we learn about God by looking at what He has made?
- How should God's greatness and our God-given dignity shape the way we view ourselves and others?
- What is something in God's creation that fills you with wonder? After each response, take time to praise God together for His power, wisdom, and care.

CONSIDER GOD'S SON

Hebrews 1:1-3; John 1:18; Matthew 17:5

- According to Hebrews 1:1–3 and John 1:18, what does Jesus make known to us about the God who is otherwise beyond our reach?
- The Father says of Jesus, "This is my Son, whom I love... Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Name the things that compete for your attention and distract you from listening to Jesus. What will you do this week to remove them? Ask God to help you listen to His son.