

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

- What is the difference between standing for what is true and just being stubborn? How can you maintain your integrity without being a jerk?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 22-24

- In Job 22:2–3, what does Eliphaz say about human righteousness benefitting God? Does He indebted to us or do we indebted to Him?

- Compare Eliphaz's accusations in Job 22:5–11 with God's descriptions of Job in Job 1:1, 1:8, and 2:3. What mistake does Eliphaz make?

- How does Job's refusal to accept Eliphaz's accusations demonstrate integrity rather than stubbornness?

- According to Job 23:3–7, why does Job want to appear before God, and why can vindication ultimately come only from Him?

- Do you see tension between Job 23:8–9 and Job 23:10? What does it teach about God's apparent absence?

- How do Job's confidence in 23:10 and his longing in 24:1 show the difference between what he feels and what he knows?

TAKEAWAYS

RETURN

Job 22:21–23; 1 John 1:9; Luke 15:20

- According to Job 22:21–23, what steps are involved in returning to God, and where in your life might you need to take one of those steps?

- When you have wandered from God, how does 1 John 1:9 challenge the lie that it is too late, or that you have gone too far to return?

- What does Luke 15:20 show you about how God receives those who return? How should that affect your willingness to come home?

RECALL

Job 23:10; Psalm 34:18; Matthew 28:20; Romans 8:28

- When you do not understand what God is doing, how can recalling Job 23:10 help you respond to suffering with faith?

- According to Job 23:12, what value should you place on God's Word?

REMEMBER: Brad said, "In the midst of suffering, we must keep coming back to what we know about our Lord." What we know, not what we feel. Psalm 34:18, Matthew 28:20, and Romans 8:28 remind us that God is close to the brokenhearted, He is always with His people, and He is working all things for the good of those who love Him. Suffering may affect our ability to perceive these truths, but it does not make them any less true