

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 makes truthful words comforting instead of hurtful when someone is going through a hard time?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- What do Zophar's silence and the shortness of Bildad's final speech tell us about their ability to answer Job?
- How does Bildad's description of humanity in Job 25:5–6 differ from Psalm 8:5, and why does that matter in the way he speaks to Job who is suffering?
- What does Job's sarcasm in Job 26:1–4 show us about his view of the "wisdom" and "words" his friends have offered him?
- According to 1 Corinthians 1:30 and Colossians 2:3, where is the wisdom found that Bildad and the other friends lacked?
- Over what parts of creation does Job describe God as sovereign in Job 26:5–13, and what does verse 14 say about how much of God's work we are able to understand?

TAKEAWAYS

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Job 26:14; Psalm 139:6; Romans 11:33–36; Psalm 145:3–6

- How should Job 26:14 humble us when we do not understand what God is doing?
- According to Romans 11:33–36, why can God never be reduced to someone we can fully understand, advise, or place in our debt?
- Through the lens of Psalm 145:3–6, how should God's greatness shape what we think about, talk about, and praise? Who should we tell about God's greatness?

HOW GRACIOUS IS OUR GOD

Job 25:4; Romans 3:26; 1 Timothy 3:16; John 1:14

- How does Romans 3:25 answer Bildad's question: "How can a mortal be righteous before God?"
- 1 Timothy 3:16 and John 1:14 report God coming near to us in Jesus Christ. Knowing this, how should we respond when sin or shame makes us want to hide from Him?
- Brad quoted B. B. Warfield saying we can rest on Christ's "almighty arm" and appeal to His "human sympathy." Since we are always in need of grace, is anything keeping you from coming to Christ right now?