

## 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

Brad started this week's sermon with an illustration of "radio silence." He referenced a complete inability to contact anyone, even in times of great despair. Have you ever experienced a time when God seemed silent? How did you respond?

### DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 8-10

- According to Job 8:8-10, to what or whom was Bildad appealing as he made his argument?
- Based on Job 8:20, what confidence did Bildad have about how God deals with the righteous and the wicked?
- How does Job respond to Bildad's certainty in Job 9:2-3? What problem does Job recognize that every person faces before a holy God?
- According to Job 9:32-35, why does Job believe he cannot successfully present his case before God?
- In Job 9:33, Job longs for a mediator between himself and God. How does the New Testament reveal the answer to Job's longing? *1 Timothy 2:5*
- In Job 10:8-12, what truths about God's care and involvement in Job's life make his suffering especially difficult for him to understand?

### TAKEAWAYS

#### LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH

*Luke 17:5; Mark 9:20-24*

- What circumstances are currently testing your faith in God's goodness, wisdom, or timing?
- A father cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" How does his example encourage us to bring both our faith and our doubts honestly before God?
- Job continued seeking God even when he misunderstood Him (Job 9:32-35; 10:8-12). What does Job's persistence teach us about faith during times when God's purposes are difficult to understand?

#### WE HAVE A MEDIATOR IN JESUS CHRIST

*1 Timothy 2:5-6; Hebrews 4:14*

- How does knowing that Jesus understands human weakness and suffering encourage you?
- Because Jesus stands as our Mediator, we never face God on the basis of our own righteousness. Why is that good news?
- How does Christ's ongoing ministry on our behalf strengthen your faith during times of guilt, suffering, or uncertainty?