

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's the worst piece of advice someone has given you?

What's something common that people often say that is meant to be comforting but usually isn't?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 11-14

- What was true about Zophar's theology, and what was missing from his approach?
- How does Zophar describe the greatness and transcendence of God in Job 11:7-9?
- What examples does Job use in chapter 12 to demonstrate God's sovereign rule over creation?
- What does Job's statement, "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him," tell us about his faith even in suffering?
- Discuss the following quote in light of Job 13:15:
"Trials work to strengthen faith by highlighting and exposing the weakness of our faith and the reality of our sin." – Joel Beeke
- What question does Job ask in 14:14 that expresses his longing for hope after this life?

TAKEAWAYS

OUR WORDS CARRY WEIGHT

Proverbs 18:21; 24:26; 10:19; 15:28

- Which of these is most challenging for you when someone is suffering: speaking truthfully, speaking less, or speaking thoughtfully? Why?
- How do Proverbs 10:19 and 15:28 help us avoid making the same mistakes as Job's friends?
- Brad quoted Sidney J. Harris: *"Information is giving out; communication is getting through."*
How does that distinction shape the way we care for people who are hurting?

CHRIST IS OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Job 14:1, 14; 1 Peter 1:3; John 11:25-26; Job 13:15a

- According to Job 14:1, how does Job describe life in this world?
- How does the resurrection of Jesus answer the hope Job longed for in Job 14:14?
- How does Job's statement, "Yet will I hope in Him" (13:15), prepare us to face both the troubles of life and the certainty of death?