

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

- Can you think of a difficult season in your life that only made sense after it was over? What did you learn from it that you couldn't see while you were going through it?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 20-21

- According to Job 20:4–11, what does Zophar say is the ultimate fate of the wicked, no matter how successful or joyful they appear for a time?
- Read Job 20:28–29 alongside Ephesians 2:3–5. How does the gospel both affirm and transform Zophar's warning about God's judgment?
- According to Job 21:7–16, what evidence does Job give that challenges Zophar's claim that suffering always follows personal wickedness?
- Compare Job 21:29–34 with Jeremiah 12:1–2 and Ecclesiastes 8:12. What truth about life in a fallen world do these passages have in common?

TAKEAWAYS

THE LORD HAS SET A DAY

Romans 5:9; 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Acts 17:30-31

- Paul says in Acts 17:30–31 that God "has set a day" when He will judge the world through Christ. How should the certainty of that coming day shape the way we live and the urgency with which we call others to repentance?
- Read Romans 5:9. How does remembering what Christ has saved us from deepen your gratitude, worship, and confidence in the gospel?
- Brad said, "You cannot hide from Him; you can only hide in Him." What does that statement mean for you personally, and how does it encourage both humility before God and confidence in Christ?

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Psalms 73:16-17; 130:5; Titus 2:13; James 5:11

- Like Job and Asaph (Psalm 73:16–17), have you ever struggled to understand why the wicked seem to prosper while the righteous suffer? How does an eternal perspective help steady your faith?
- Psalm 130:5 says, "I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope." Explain in your own words what it means to wait on the Lord instead of demanding immediate answers or justice?
- James 5:11 reminds us of "Job's perseverance" and "what the Lord finally brought about." Looking back on your own life, what difficulties has God used to produce something good in you that you couldn't see at the time? Will you trust Him in your current circumstances?