

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?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- According to Job 38:2, what does God confront in Job before addressing anything else?
- What does God's command to "brace yourself like a man" communicate about the conversation that is about to take place?
- How do Job 38:31–33, Psalm 19:1, and Colossians 1:15–17 deepen our understanding of God's authority over creation?
- What do God's questions about the animals reveal about His care, power, and mysterious purposes?
- According to James' sermon, how does the ostrich in Job 39:13–18 challenge the belief that everything God does must fit into a simple human explanation?
- Job had rightly defended his integrity against false accusations, but he had spoken too confidently about matters he could not understand. In God's presence, he responds with humility, relief, and surrender. What do Job's words and actions in Job 40:3–5 reveal about what he has learned?

TAKEAWAYS

HE IS GOD, WE ARE NOT

Isaiah 55:8–9; James 5:11; Romans 8:28

- How is correction from God both humbling and compassionate?
- Romans 8:28 does not promise that we will understand everything God allows. What does it promise? Do we need every answer before we trust Him?

Prayer Of Surrender: As a group, name situations you're struggling to understand or control. Pray together, acknowledging up front: "You are God; we are not." Ask God for the humility to submit, the faith to trust His purposes, and the courage to obey wherever He leads.

KNOWING WHO IS BETTER THAN KNOWING WHY

Hebrews 1:1–3; John 1:18; Matthew 17:5

- According to Proverbs 3:5–6, what is required when our own understanding cannot explain what He is doing?
- Job wanted an explanation, but Hebrews 12:1–3 tells us to fix our eyes on Jesus. How does looking to Christ give us something better than simply knowing why we are suffering?

Think of someone who is searching for answers, struggling through suffering, or does not yet know Christ. Share one of this week's Scriptures with that person and point them beyond the question of WHY to the WHO revealed in Jesus.