

GROUP STUDY - FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

INTRO - SHARE SCRIPTURE

Share and discuss a favorite Scripture about God's power to accomplish His purposes. What does that passage teach you about Him?

Consider Genesis 18:14; Numbers 11:23; Daniel 4:35; Luke 1:37; or Isaiah 55:8–9.

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- What does Job's statement in Job 42:2 establish about God's power and purposes?
- How do Isaiah 55:8–9 and Romans 8:28 distinguish between understanding God's ways and trusting His purposes?
- How does Job's posture in Job 42:4–6 differ from the way he previously approached God?
- According to Job 42:5–6 and the example of Psalm 51:16–17, what kind of heart does Job now bring before God?

TAKEAWAYS

GOD'S PROXIMITY TO HIS PEOPLE

Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 34:18

- Isaiah 57:15 describes God as both high and holy and present with the contrite and lowly. What does this reveal about the kind of God who came near to Job?

- CHALLENGE: Who do you know who is brokenhearted or crushed in spirit? Share Psalm 34:18 with them this week, and reflect God's nearness by listening, praying, and being present with them.

GOD'S PEACE FOR HIS PEOPLE

Philippians 4:7; Isaiah 26:3

- Job encountered God while he was still suffering. What does Philippians 4:7 teach us about receiving God's peace before our circumstances are resolved or our questions are answered?

- According to Isaiah 26:3, what does God promise to do for those whose minds remain fixed on Him and who trust in Him?

Name unanswered questions or unresolved circumstances you are carrying. Pray for one another, asking God to guard each heart and mind with His peace and to keep your thoughts fixed on His promises and character.