

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

Have you ever given or had someone give you correct advice at exactly the wrong time?

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 15-17

JOB 15:1-35

- In Job 15:4–6, what accusations does Eliphaz make against Job, and how do those accusations compare with what God said about Job in Job 1:1?
- According to Job 15:14–16, what does Eliphaz say is true about all humanity? How does he use that truth against Job?

JOB 16:1-17:16

Job calls his friends “miserable comforters.” how does he say he would have responded if their situations were reversed? (Job 16:5)
Even while believing God has become his enemy, what hope does Job express about having a “witness” or “advocate” in heaven? (Job 16:18-22)
How does Job's tone in chapter 17 differ from 16:19–21?

TAKEAWAYS

JESUS IS THE FAITHFUL FRIEND

John 15:13-15; Proverbs 18:24

- Brad quoted Spurgeon asking, “Is Christ my friend?” If someone claimed Jesus was their Friend, what evidence would you expect to see? *John 15:14–15*
- Name as many ways as you can as to why Jesus is a better Friend than Job's friends?
- It is significant that Job looked for a witness in heaven instead of trusting the opinions of the people around him. Where do you tend to look first for comfort and reassurance?

MAKE MUCH OF JESUS

John 1:29

- Eliphaz was confident in his theology, yet Job called him a “miserable comforter” (Job 16:2). What made Eliphaz's counsel so ineffective, even though some of what he said was true?
- Brad restated a takeaway from a previous sermon: “Counsel without the cross brings no comfort.” Why is it not enough to only point out someone's sin or reasons why they might be suffering?
- If a friend came to you with deep pain like Job's, how would you “make much of Jesus” instead of simply trying to explain their suffering?