

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 verse or section of Scripture that has helped you trust God and hold on to hope during a difficult time.

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- What does God's repeated description of Job as "my servant" show us about Job's relationship with Him throughout his suffering?
- According to Job 42:7, why is God angry with Job's friends? Looking back over their arguments, how did they misrepresent God's justice, mercy, and sovereignty?
- What does God command the friends and Job to do in Job 42:8-9, and how does each one respond?
- What similarities do you see between Job's actions in Job 42:8-9 and Jesus' role in 1 Timothy 2:5-6? What makes Jesus the far greater mediator?
- How does Job's obedience in Job 42:10 answer Satan's earlier question, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"
- As God restores Job in Job 42:10-17, what changes in his life, and what remains true about his identity and calling?

TAKEAWAYS

THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL TO HIS SERVANTS

James 5:11; Isaiah 49:15-16; Lamentations 3:22; Hebrews 4:14-16

- When suffering tempts us to believe God has forgotten us, how do Isaiah 49:15-16 and Lamentations 3:22 confront that lie?
- According to Hebrews 4:16, how does God invite His people to approach Him in their time of need? What does He promise they will find?

THE LORD WILL VINDICATE HIS SERVANTS

Job 42:7-9; James 5:11; 2 Timothy 2:11-13; Matthew 25:23

- If God alone gives the final verdict over our lives, what does our fear of criticism, or hunger for people's approval, reveal about whose judgment matters most to us?
- James 5:11 points us to "what the Lord finally brought about," while Matthew 25:23 points us toward the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." How do these future promises strengthen us to remain faithful through present suffering?

CHALLENGE: Who do you know who is tired, discouraged, or suffering and trying to stay faithful to Christ? Encourage them this week with James 5:11 or Matthew 25:23. Remind them that the Lord sees His servants, their trials are not wasted, and He will have the final word.