

## 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 been through something painful that revealed your level of dependence on God? Did suffering expose weakness? Deepen Trust? Both?

### DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - JOB 2:1-10

- What does the second heavenly scene show us about Satan's persistence?
- What do the limits placed on Satan show us about God's authority?
- Why do you think Satan believes adding physical suffering will cause Job to curse God?
- How does the contrast between Job once being called "the greatest man in the East" and now sitting alone in ashes scraping himself with broken pottery emphasize how completely he has lost everything — his wealth, his children, his status, and now even his health?
- Do you think it is important to remember that Job's wife was also suffering deeply when she spoke to him in verse 9?
- What does Job's response to his wife reveal about his understanding of God, even when he does not understand his suffering?

### TAKEAWAYS

#### MAINTAIN YOUR INTEGRITY

*Hebrews 12:2; Proverbs 3:5; John 8:44*

- Why is it tempting to compromise your integrity when you are hurting, discouraged, or suffering?
- What are some "wrong places" people commonly run to for comfort instead of trusting the Lord?
- Job leads well in misery. How can Christians encourage one another to remain faithful to the Lord in suffering?

#### REST IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

*Psalms 115:3; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 8:28; Lamentations 3:22-23*

- Job asks, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" How do you personally navigate the tension of looking to God in suffering while also believing that He has a purpose in allowing it?
- Why does that way of thinking clash so strongly with the way the world normally views suffering, success, and blessing?
- How does Job's suffering challenge the health, wealth, and prosperity idea that faithful people should always be healthy, comfortable, and successful?
- "Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed... great is your faithfulness." Why is that promise especially important to remember during seasons of suffering or confusion?

### KNOWLEDGE APPLIED

What does this teach us about people? About Jesus? How will we better obey Christ based on what we've just learned? Who will we share this with?