

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

Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Discuss and share your favorite verses about the character of Jesus. If you have extra time, check out John 1:1-18 and Colossians 1:15-20.

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT

- Discuss, verse by verse, what Job longed for in Job 29:1-6.
- According to Job 29:12-17 what does Job's treatment of others reveal about the connection between faith in God and compassion for people?
- Job 30:1-31 highlights Job's present misery. How should Job's words affect the way we listen to someone who feels abandoned or mistreated by God?
- Job's integrity was not merely something he claimed; it produced a life of obedience. Job 31 begins with his commitment to purity because he knows that God sees his ways.

According to Job 31:1-4, how did Job's awareness of God shape the private choices he made?

TAKEAWAYS

GOD WORKS OUT HIS PURPOSES THROUGH SUFFERING

Romans 8:28; James 5:11; Matthew 27:27-31, 38-44; Hebrews 4:15

- According to Romans 8:28 and James 5:11, what can we trust God is doing when His purposes are still hidden from us?
- Job was blameless yet suffered, but Jesus was completely without sin and still endured rejection, mockery, and the cross. How do Matthew 27:27-31, 38-44 and Hebrews 4:15 challenge the belief that faithful people should be spared from suffering?
- Read Matthew 27:27-31, 38-44 together. Then pray for those you know who are suffering, asking God to fix their eyes on Christ and help them trust His character and purposes when they cannot understand what He is doing.

GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS

2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 7:25; John 1:14

- When God seemed silent, Job made assumptions about God's heart toward him. According to Hebrews 7:25, what is Jesus doing for His people even when they cannot see or feel it?
- According to 2 Peter 3:18 and John 1:14, what does it mean to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, and how should that growth change us?
- Think of someone who may feel that God is distant or silent. Share Hebrews 7:25 with them this week and remind them that Jesus is alive, near to God, and interceding for His people, even when they cannot see what He is doing.