

MAY 30, 2022

PULL UP A CHAIR

"I thought I could describe a state; make a map of sorrow. Sorrow, however, turns out to be not a state but a process."

CS LEWIS, A Grief Observed

READ: Job 1 -2

1. What does the story of Job teach us about the empty chair? In what ways did Job's wife and his friends bring comfort and discomfort to Job's pain? Which verse gives you the most hope amid suffering and why?

READ: Job 40 - 42

2. What lessons did the Lord want Job to know about the empty chair? What questions should Job have asked the Lord other than the WHY question?

READ: 1 Corinthians 15

3. What did the Apostle Paul want the Corinth church to know about death and the hope of resurrection? How should a Christian view death and the empty chair? How did Pastor Brandon explain the empty chair this past weekend?

READ: Matthew 11:28-30

4. What wisdom would Jesus give to those who are dealing with an empty chair? What do you think Jesus means by rest?

READ: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

5. What does the Apostle Paul mean when he says we should grieve not as the world grieves? In this context, what does Paul mean by hope? How should we as Christians comfort others faced with an ongoing empty chair?

DIGGING DEEPER

- Listen to last week's message and this week's devotional. What is one or two takeaways for yourself that you can apply this week?
- If you are experiencing an open chair, what steps must you take to properly grieve your loss?