

Weekend Message Questions

Wisdom and the Story of Job

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CHECK-IN: Check with your group to see how they're doing.

BIG IDEA: We all face a measure of suffering in our lives. Faith in Jesus is not an escape route from suffering, rather it is the promise that God is with us through the pain.

DISCUSS:

- When have you experienced suffering? What happened?
- What was the most difficult part of dealing with suffering in those seasons?
- What did you think about God during your suffering?
- What did you learn in that season?

READ: Job 1:21-22 and Job 3:1-7

DISCUSS:

- Job responds to suffering in Job 1, and responds to even more suffering in Job 2. How do you relate to Job and his responses to suffering?
- Have you ever asked yourself "Do I deserve this?" in regards to the good and/or bad things in your life? How does that line up with who God is to you?

READ: John 16:33, 1 Peter 3:14, 1 Peter 5:10, Isaiah 43:2

DISCUSS:

- What do these verses mean for you in relation to suffering?
- "God does not operate on a system of weights and measures; He operates on a system of grace and truth." How does that phrase change how you think about what you deserve and about who God is in your life?

CLOSE: Ask yourself these questions:

- Do I follow God because of what he can give me?
- Do I feel entitled to something God is not giving me?
- Do I have unmet expectations with God?
- Can I see God with me in the middle of my current suffering?
- Am I willing to trust God with my suffering?

Rather than only looking at WHY, let's determine to look at WHO is walking with us today, because his name is Jesus and he knows how to give purpose to your pain.

Pray to close.

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