Job's Word from God Job finally hears from the Lord...God's revelation to Job

Introduction: Priming the pump for tonight's discussion.

• Let's begin with our own observations. Was there a moment where God spoke to you, showed you something new, or reminded you of a familiar truth through the message this week?

Exploration: Questions to guide our group discussion.

- Perhaps the biggest takeaway from these chapters is that Job finally hears God. We learned that sometimes it takes going through some things in life to take our relationship with God to a deeper level. Job was a good man and loved God from way back in chapter one...but now, through his suffering, Job hears the voice of God for the first time. How significant is it that Job ended up knowing God on a much deeper and personal level than ever before, as a result of his suffering? What can we learn from this?
- The heart of God's message to Job is that there is a tremendous difference between creator and creation. Created beings shouldn't sit in judgment over their creator. After all, God is God and man is man. Why is it so important for men to remember their place in the cosmos, and to acknowledge that there is a God and we are not Him?
- Can God commit a sin? Can God commit an unjust act against us? If God allows a situation or a suffering, and we don't like it, are we ever justified to blame God, to judge God, or to accuse God of sinning against us?
- Do you think Behemoth and Leviathan are dinosaurs, dragons, or sea monsters? Is it possible that our science books have it all wrong, and that men coexisted with dinosaurs before the flood of Noah?

Additional Scriptures for Deeper Study:

- Isaiah 27:1
- Psalm 104:26
- Psalm 74:13

Application: How can I apply this to my life this week?

• When we've suffered, perhaps we've wondered if God could bring anything good from it. In Job's case, suffering was the catalyst that God used to bring Job's relationship to a whole new level. Let's commit to seeing our suffering as opportunities for God to mature us, and to grow our relationship with Him.

• Let's make up our minds to be more like Job...to receive both the good and the bad with gratitude, and with a heart to God's sovereignty in our lives, without sitting in judgment over God.