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## Job: Does God Play Dice?

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### *Small Group Discussion Questions*

#### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

#### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

#### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### **Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?***

***Take some time to look up and read: Job. OR... Take some time to review the highlights from the story of Job***

1. Describe Job’s character.
2. List the terrible things that happen to Job.
3. What role do Job’s three concerned friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, play in this story?
4. How does God minister to Job at the end of this book?

#### **Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?***

***Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

5. What part of Job’s story gets your attention? Have you had a similar experience? Is there part of his story that is difficult for you to grasp? What can you connect with?
6. We have been presented some thoughts to ponder this week from the book of Job:
  - God is not a machine; He resists simple explanation or manipulation.  
When is it tempting to speak or hear simple explanations tied to the way of God?
  - Sometimes we get to see the reasons God had for allowing suffering. Sometimes we don’t.  
How would you explain suffering to someone who is questioning God’s goodness?
  - Through Jesus, God has made a way to redeem what has been lost as we put our faith in Him.  
What does it mean to say that “in Him all things hold together”?  
How is “waiting” such a significant part of the Christian experience?

7. Matthew 19:28-30 reads:

*Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.*

What does this verse tell us about God’s awareness of our suffering and his promises for those who have suffered?

#### **Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.**

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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#### **We’re here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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