

Trusting God in Tough Times

The Book of Job / Pastor Matt Jones

① Commencement and Trust

② Composition of Text

③ Chiastic Tiers

④ Concupiscence and Themes

⑤ Cycles of Talking

⑥ Confusion and Theology

⑦ Clarification and Turning

8 Certainties and Truth

9 Christ and Typology

10 Concluding Takeaways

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

Icebreaker: As your group gathers, see if there are any guys who went on the 2019 Men's Summit who can share encouraging words about what they learned during the retreat and how God moved through the fellowship and worship.

1. On Sunday, we surveyed the book of Job. With the storyline of Job's great loss of his children, health and possessions, take some time to discuss together some of the losses you have faced together in life. What is your earliest memory of losing something you treasured? When did you first encounter the death of a loved one? Did you have friends like Job with bad theology and advice that made things worse? How did you process it? Have you ever suffered and/or survived through a great physical illness or injury? Please share about your losses/sufferings.

2. In discussing our experiences and processing of loss/suffering as believers, it is important to also talk about how the world sees (what has been called) 'the problem of pain.' In 1 Thessalonians 4:13 the Apostle Paul spoke of how the believer suffers/grieves in a way that is different from the nonbeliever. Look up this verse and see what it says about what marks the believer in the face of suffering. With this in mind, how have you (or can you) use/d hard times and pain to be a witness to the lost around you? How have you seen God work through hardship and suffering for drawing people to salvation and shaping His people (see Rom. 8:28)?

3. Thinking about the 'problem of pain,' discuss together the intellectual and emotional attacks made against Christianity by skeptics and atheists who use the presence of suffering/pain/evil to argue against the existence of God. What are these arguments they make and how should we apologetically respond as we proclaim the gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ?

4. What were some of your personal takeaways or applications from Sunday's sermon thru the book of Job? What current pains or sufferings are you experiencing? Discuss and pray together as a group for one another as you seek to apply and live out the word of God in the face of hard times for His glory.