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## STUDY GUIDE

# Man of Sorrows

Job 2.11-3.26

## WELCOME & SHARING

Share announcements...

- Give & Take Free Sale | Saturday, April 1st 9-11a

Please join us for a great opportunity to declutter and GIVE outgrown women and children's clothes, toys, shoes, accessories, etc. and bless others in the community. Please donate the above items in the weeks before the event outside of the broiler room (basement). *All* are invited to attend (invite friends, neighbors, coworkers) to the free sale, whether you have given or not, and TAKE what you need. Everything is FREE! Please see the City for opportunities to serve! <http://bit.ly/2kmwbsy>

- Sandra McCracken Concert | 7p Friday, April 7th

We have the joy of hosting Sandra McCracken in concert at the New City Church building. For those interested, Sandra will be doing a discussion/Q&A re: worship, arts, culture, songwriting, etc. at 5p. Tickets for the concert are \$15 pre-sale, \$18 @ the door, \$30 for the Discussion/Q&A and concert. Spread the word and visit the City to learn more and for the link to purchase tickets: <http://bit.ly/2lunbCA>

- New City Men's Retreat | April 21st & 22nd

Men join us for our inaugural Men's Retreat @ Hannon's Camp America (yes it's really called Camp America). Check the website for details. You need to register online.

**Opener Question:** Go around the room and have folks pick a number between 1-10. Then ask them the Would You Rather... question of the corresponding number.

1.) Would you rather lose all of your money and valuables OR all of the pictures you have ever taken?

2.) Would you rather always be 10 minutes late (and have people mad at you), OR always be 20 minutes early (and feel awkward).

3.) Would you rather be famous when you are alive and forgotten when you die OR unknown when you are alive but famous after you die?

4.) Would you rather live without the internet OR live without AC and heating?

5.) Would you rather have a horrible job, but be able to retire comfortably in 10 years OR have your dream job, but have to work until the day you die?

6.) Would you rather be able to teleport anywhere OR be able to read minds?

7.) Would you rather have unlimited sushi for life OR unlimited tacos for life?

- 8.) Would you rather have an unlimited international first class ticket OR never have to pay for food at restaurants?
- 9.) Would you rather have to read aloud every word you read OR sing everything you say out loud?
- 10.) Would you rather be an amazing painter OR a brilliant scientist?

## **STUDY/DISCUSSION**

We ask the question: “Why is there suffering?” and we see God provides us a 42 chapter book of the Bible that is mostly poetry. Commentator Christopher Ash said “Job is to be *lived in*, not just studied.”

Try to “live in” Job over these next several weeks and focus on how you can “live out” Job together as a community group.

Last week we looked at the story of Job’s suffering — he loses his family, his wealth and his health. Today, we start to see how he deals with it once the reality has set in.

### **Read: Job 2.11-13**

1. Later on Job refers his friends as “miserable comforters,” but what do they do WELL in this passage?
2. Why is community so important when you are suffering?
3. Have you ever had people “show up” for you when you were hurting? What was that like?
4. What keeps us from moving toward people in pain?
5. **Read Galatians 6.2.** On Sunday Josh said “Real love is always substitutionary. When you spend time with someone who is hurting, they feel a little bit better and you feel a little bit worse. A little of their burden slips onto you.” How can we become more of a community that bears each other’s burdens?

### **Read: Job 3.1-26**

6. What stands out to you from Job’s speech?
7. Is it okay for someone who walks with God to talk like this? Why or why not?
8. As you read on in the Bible, we meet another innocent sufferer. How does the story of Job point us to Jesus? (HINT: Think especially of the Garden of Gethsemane in Mark 14.32-42)
9. Only Christianity tells us we have a God who bleeds. What comfort is there in this for someone in the thick of suffering?

10. NEIGHBORING EXPERIMENT OF THE MONTH: Take a walk around your neighborhood at least once a week, take the same route, and greet folks you see along the way (if not verbally at least smile and or not).

## **PRAYER**

*Take some time and pray together:* You can pray as a large group, break into smaller groups, split up into men and women, etc. If you share prayer requests, post them to the City so that your group can continue to be praying for each other.