

LG | Leader

[Job 2]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go the Lord in prayer.

- After hearing the sermon from Sunday, what most resonated with you? What were the takeaways for your family as a whole?
- In light of Sunday's message, have you resolved to make any life changes?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. For those in the group who were present for last Sunday's introduction to Job, please update everyone on what we learned about the book of Job. Then, let's read chapter 2 together.
2. How would you describe Job given what we have read in the opening chapters? Where do we find these descriptors?
Job is a wealthy man, but a man of integrity. He is blameless and upright. He fears God and turns away from evil and is obedient. (1:3, 1:5, 1:8).
3. Chapter 2 introduces us to Job's second test. What was Job's first test? How did Job respond to his first test?
Satan took Job's property and his children (1:13-22). Job's response is captured in verse 21-22; He blesses the Lord and rests in God's sovereignty. He does not sin and does not charge God with wrong.
4. What is Satan's purpose for putting Job through these devastating tests?
Satan ultimately desired to prove to God that Job did not have a sincere desire for God. He was hoping to put Job's disloyalty on display before the Creator.
5. In verse 4 says, Satan responds to the Lord by saying, "Skin for skin!" What is Satan communicating here?
Satan is communicating that Job was content with giving up his property and his family as long as he personally was not harmed in the process, which was a lie. So, Satan then proposed that Job

needed to face some personal affliction for the test to prove worthy. This second test would cause Job great personal pain and discomfort.

6. Given Job's wife's response, how would you have responded given the circumstances? How did Job respond?

Job was already devastated. His response to his wife's sharp statement was measured. Even with the great burden that was upon him, "he did not sin with his lips."

7. How do we know the severity of Job's sores? How is Job's affliction made even worse?

The only way Job could find any relief was to take a piece of broken pottery and scratch himself incessantly. Job's friends could not even recognize him. He was so "bad off," his friends did not speak to him for a week, they just stayed near and mourned for him.

8. If someone were to walk up to you tomorrow and ask, "I heard Warren was studying the book of Job. I have always found that book to be peculiar. What is it really about?" How would you respond?

[Example: I would agree that Job is a very peculiar book, but the more I learn about it, the more clarity I gain and the more valuable I find it. Did you know that the book of Job was one of the first books written in the Bible chronologically? Many scholars date it right around the time of Genesis. After spending some time with it, I am learning that it is very relevant for us today; it does not answer the question of why we suffer but it does invite us to trust God's wisdom when we do encounter suffering, rather than figure out the reason for the suffering like Job's friends did. It has proven to be a tremendous resource to me in times of trial; a great reminder to simply trust God.]

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.