

LG | Leader

[Job 3-37]

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?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. We are tackling a large portion of the book of Job in this session. After hearing Sunday's sermon, what do these chapters essentially capture?

Chapters 3-37 capture the dialogue between Job and his friends.

2. Is Job and his friends Israelites or non-Israelites? Why is this important?

All are non-Israelites. This is important because even very early in the Bible God is communicating through different people groups. The book of Job contains lessons about God and man that were invaluable in biblical times and are invaluable now.

3. What are the names of these friends? What does each of the friends represent? How do each of them approach the conversation with Job?

Job's friend's names were Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, and Elihu (introduced in 32:1-5).

Eliphaz challenged Job saying Job must not be righteous after all (4:7-8).

Bildad charged Job by saying that if Job is truly blameless, God will restore him (8:2-4).

Zophar condemned Job saying that he deserved what he got and more (11:4-6)!

Elihu reassures Job by helping him to find purpose in pain (33:6).

4. Job's friends operated off an assumption about God. What was that assumption?

Their assumption was that God always rewards those who are good, and he punishes those who are bad.

5. Based on what you have learned thus far in Job, was the friend's assumption of God correct? Why or why not?

God is just, punishing wrongs and rewarding good, but he is also God; which means he operates outside of our human reason and sovereignly controls the world's events. Nothing is outside of His scope. Bad things can happen to good people and God can still maintain His justice at the same time, as displayed in Job's life. (Matthew 5:45 – For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.)

7. When you think about the hardships you have overcome in your own life, how does this book set our expectations for future suffering?

It reminds us that; 1) We can't expect to be exempt from suffering. 2) We can't always explain suffering. 3) We can grow from suffering

8. What verses or songs do you cling to in times of great trial/suffering. Would you be willing to share those with others in our group, so that we can better run this race together?

[Example: Song - It is well with my Soul]

PRAY

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