

LG | Leader

[Job 38-42:9]

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 another large portion of the book of Job in this session. After hearing Sunday's sermon, what do these four chapters essentially capture? [If time permits; maybe listening to the audio would be helpful to some – 10 mins]
They capture God's response to Job and his friends.
2. If you could capture it in one word, how would you describe God's response to Job? Why?
[Example: Whirlwind, surprising, uh-oh, whoa!, etc.]
3. Why do you think God responded to Job and his friends in this way?
It seemed that God desired to clearly correct the assumptions that were introduced in the dialogue between Job and his friends in chapters 3-37. Job's friends presented a false God that only punished evil and gave blessing to those who were righteous. God clearly wanted to bring clarity to their misconceptions about who He is.
4. As this text paints a picture of God, is there any particular verse or phrase in this portion of scripture that creates in you awe and wonder of who God is?
[Example: "Has the rain a father or who has begotten the drops of dew" OR "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?"]
5. How does Job respond to the Lord's rebuke (42:1-6)?
He responds with great humility, realizing who he is and who God is. He acknowledges that he does not understand all the ways of the Lord and that the Lord's ways are too wonderful for him. He then repents of the casual words he used about the Lord.
6. What is the behemoth and what is the leviathan? Why do you think the Lord introduced these two beings?
Scholars vary on what exactly these beings were portraying (cattle, hippopotamus, crocodile, mythical beings, etc.). However, the point of this text is that regardless of what power these beings might display or fear they instill, God exercises dominion over them all, and they cease to have their being without His command.

7. Who would be willing to give us a 2-minute recap of the book of Job up to this point? If no one, let's piece the story together as a group.

[Thought provoking ?'s: What type of man is Job? What sufferings did Job endure? Who are Job's friends? How do Job's friends respond to Job initially? When does God come on the scene? Describe the dialogue?]

8. Someone says to you, "the book of Job is nothing but a mythical piece of literature." How might you respond?

[Example: I agree that the book of Job is a very unique piece of literature. But, I believe the book is of Job is much more. At its essence, it is a beautiful display of God's sovereignty over all creation. Because the book was written and can be dated around the time period of Genesis, there are some terms and ideas that could raise questions for some, but I don't think it is wise to negate the authenticity of the book due to its dating or because of one's potential lack of cultural understanding. There is more historical coherence present in this book than one might realize at first glance.]

PRAY

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