

CONNECT **GROUP** GUIDE



THE FAITHFUL SUFFERER

JOB

THE FAITHFUL SUFFERER

JOB 1:1-22	BLESSED BE YOUR NAME
JOB 2:11-3:11 7:11-21	MAN OF SORROWS
JOB 19:1-27	I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES
JOB 38:1-11 42:1-17	BEHOLD OUR GOD

INTRO TO JOB

The book of Job explores themes of suffering and righteousness. The central question is about the motivation around Job remaining faithful to Yahweh, despite all his trials and struggles.

When all of Job's blessings are taken away, he questions God about why. Job wrestles with the conflict of suffering while believing in a God of justice.

Does Job trust in God because he has received many blessings, or does he trust in God because he values God for who He is?

Job's friends have long discussions about the paradox of his seemingly unjust suffering.

Job shows that even in grief we can find hope through a deepened relationship with God. And, in fact, it is only through the suffering that this can happen. Today, we too, face the question - Will we love God, no matter what?

Some guidelines for Connect Group ...

- Come to the study prepared; preparation will greatly enrich your time together; it is recommended to take notes during the Sunday sermon, and to write down your thoughts as you prepare
- As part of your preparation, why not listen to the sermon again during the week (*most sermons are recorded and available on [Apple Podcasts](#), and also on the [website](#)*)
- As you prepare, pray that God will speak to you through his word
- Be willing to participate in your group. Your sharing will greatly encourage all the other members as you grow together
- Stick to the topic - this allows everyone to participate on level ground and to go deeper into the Bible
- Be sensitive to others and listen attentively; affirm others, especially those who may feel timid or don't often share
- Your leader won't be lecturing, but helping members to think through the questions. Many questions don't have a 'right' answer, especially those that apply the Bible to our lives
- Be careful not to dominate, as it could inhibit others from sharing
- Expect God to teach you through the passage and through other members, and always pray that it will be a profitable time together

JOB

THE FAITHFUL SUFFERER

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

INTRO

What are some of the things you are most thankful for in your life?

Read Job 1:1-22

1. What qualities in Job's character, mentioned in verse 1, do you find most admirable?
2. Why do you think God allowed Satan to test Job?
3. What kind of hardship did Job face in verses 13-19? What would be the equivalent today?

Sermon Notes

4. What might Job have been thinking as messenger after messenger delivered bad news?
5. Job's first response to the news is to grieve wholeheartedly. Do you find it easy to allow yourself time to grieve when trouble comes your way?
6. Why and how do you think Job's natural response was to worship God after hearing the news? What does this say about his relationship with God?
7. Read verse 21. In what way is this verse comforting? In what way is this verse challenging? In what ways does it lead you to gratitude?
8. How does this chapter encourage you to react to losses and setbacks in your life?



- Share and pray for any in your group or that you know who are particularly suffering at this point in time
- Reflect back on your answers to the introduction question, use those answers to thank God for the good things in your life
- Pray that when suffering comes your way, you will find both the time to grieve and to worship and draw near to God

Sermon Notes

JOB

THE FAITHFUL SUFFERER

MAN OF SORROWS

INTRO

Have you ever felt misunderstood by people when you were going through a hard time? How did you respond?

Read Job 2:11 - 3:11

1. How do you think Job's friends felt when they saw him in such pain? Why did they stay silent for 7 days?
2. Job curses the day of his birth. How would you describe Job's feelings at this stage?
3. Sorrow touches all of our lives, what do we learn from Job about expressing sorrow, and grief?

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes

3. What do you think of Job's accusation that "God has wronged me"?
4. What does it mean when Job says "He knows his redeemer lives?"
5. What other statements of faith does Job declare?
6. What does Job believe about life after death?
7. Jesus is described as the first-fruit of the resurrection (1 Cor 15:20). How does the reality of Jesus' resurrection give you motivation and hope?



- Pray Job 19:25-27 together aloud.
- Rejoice in the fact that we have brothers and sisters who love and support us. And that we can be those supportive brothers and sisters for others.
- Rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and our inclusion in it.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes

3. What are some practical ways to embrace humility and awe in light of God's profound wisdom and power seen in chapter 38?

Read Job 42:1-17

4. How does Job's response to God in vv.1-6 reflect humility and repentance?

5. How does Job's intercession for his friends demonstrate forgiveness and reconciliation?

6. How does this chapter inspire you to hold on to faith during struggles?

7. What role does prayer play in Job's restoration? Where do you know you need to grow in your prayer life?

Extension Question

8. How does Job's experience inform you about how to interact with others who are suffering?



- Bring your trials before God, asking Him to teach you afresh of his sovereign and divine love
- Pray around the group for any sadnesses, issues, struggles; and ask God to show his purposes and grace
- Give thanks for all you have learnt through this challenging study, and ask God to bring growth to our whole Church as we learn to trust Him more and more

Sermon Notes



*Living to Love and
Proclaim Jesus*

peregian sunshine tewantin