

why me?

The Building of a New Community

Ice Breaker: Share about a time you wrongfully blamed someone else for something you were responsible for.

Read: Job 1, Job 38, Job 42

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - What's something you once wished for that, in hindsight, you're grateful never happened?
 - What's one thing you received in life that, in hindsight, might have been better if you hadn't gotten it at all?
- We Don't Even Know (Job 1:11)
 - How does Job 1 describe Job's character and relationship with God?
 - What does this passage reveal about God's knowledge compared to ours?
 - Have there been situations in your life where you later discovered there was more happening than you originally understood?
 - Why can it be difficult to trust God when we don't have all the answers?
 - How can we learn to trust God's wisdom when we cannot see the full picture?
- We Often Respond Incorrectly (Job 1:12-22)
 - What losses did Job experience in a very short period of time?
 - What was Job's response in v.20-22 to his suffering?
 - What are some common unhealthy responses people have when facing trials?
 - How does Job's response challenge the way we typically react to disappointment, loss, or suffering?
 - What would it look like to worship God even while walking through pain?
- We Need to Let God Be God (Job 38:1-21)
 - How does God respond to Job's questions?
 - What do these questions reveal about God's power, wisdom, and authority?
 - Why do you think God answers Job with questions rather than explanations?
 - What is the difference between trusting God and understanding God?
- Closing Thoughts
 - How has Job's understanding of God changed from the beginning of the story?
 - What lessons did Job gain through his suffering that he may not have learned otherwise?
 - What areas of your life are hardest to surrender to God's control? How can you give that to God this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

