



Life Group Discussion Questions

June 1, 2025

*** This guide may have more questions than your group could reasonably discuss in one meeting. Feel free to pick and choose questions that best encourage, challenge, and instruct your particular participants.

Read Job 2:1-10

1. Would you say that when suffering comes it is easy to forget the sovereignty and goodness of God? How can daily praise and thanksgiving help keep these attributes fresh and real in our hearts and minds?
2. Psalm 119:71 says, "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes." What does the Psalmist mean by this? Have you found that true in your own life?
3. What role does suffering have in our sanctification? Can you think of other biblical, historical or personal examples of how suffering furthered the sanctification and usefulness of a believer? (for example, Corrie Ten Boom, Joseph etc...)
4. Consider this statement from John Calvin, "the more we are afflicted with adverse circumstances, so much more certainly is our communion with Christ confirmed... sufferings themselves not only become blessings to us, but they serve to promote salvation" (quoted from "A Little Book On The Christian Life" p. 59, available in the Resource Center). How does suffering aid in making us more Christ-like? How can suffering become blessing? What do we learn from observing the suffering of Christ?

love God. love Others. serve the World.



5. It is hard to watch someone else suffer. Based on what we have learned from Job, what is the right biblical response we should have when comforting others in their suffering?
6. How does having an eternal perspective give us hope even in the midst of suffering? (see II Cor. 4:16-18, I Peter 1:3-9, II Tim. 4:6-8).
7. Why do you think God told Satan that Job was blameless and upright again?
8. God tells Satan that there is none like Job on the earth... is that encouraging? Does that increase the stakes?
9. Why do you think Satan wants to destroy Job so badly?
10. Job's wife responded to his predicament with less than helpful words... have you ever responded to calamity in the same way? How would you have responded?
11. God has purpose in our suffering. Do you think you would be more likely to trust God in difficult situations if you knew why it was happening? Is that a form of control, real or perceived? Do you think God doesn't tell you to build trust? Do you have any right to demand a reason from God?