



## Life Group Discussion Questions

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\*\*\* 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 4-7

1. One of the most common objections to the existence of God from atheists and agnostics is all the suffering in the world. How would you answer this statement by an unbeliever: "If God exists, then He can't be a good God since there is so much suffering in the world. I could never serve a God who allows suffering."
2. How do you respond when friends, family and co-workers try to offer advice during times of suffering that is clearly unbiblical?
3. How can we show grace and mercy to those who are suffering while maintaining a proper biblical perspective? Is it necessary to always offer advice? (see Eph. 4:29)
4. How would you explain and personally apply the exhortation of Peter in 1st Peter 4:19?
5. Have you ever suffered innocently? Can you tell the difference?
6. Is your view of God constrained by space and time? When you seek justice, is it always in the immediate sense?

*love God. love Others. serve the World.*



7. Suffering is a reality. To one degree or another we all experience suffering. What is our response to suffering supposed to be as stated in 1st Peter 4:12-13? How does the suffering that Christ endured for our redemption, help us to properly respond to suffering? Does the suffering of Christ encourage us? Does it challenge us? Does it move our hearts to praise and thanksgiving? Does it convict us?

8. Do you ever struggle with the attribute of God's absolute sovereignty when suffering and trial comes? Or, do you find peace and comfort in His sovereignty? What is a comforting scripture you can share with the group that has helped you understand and respond to suffering you may have experienced?

9. Do you only think of God as someone who deals out justice, punishment, and blessings?

10. Do you think knowing Jesus would have changed the response of Job's friends?

11. We see Job's friends responding with partial truth. Do you experience anything else in life that is "truth adjacent"?

12. Do you think it is healthy to focus on the cause of your suffering?

13. Was there any way for Eliphaz to know whether Job had sinned and needed admonishment, or needed fellowship? Does it matter?