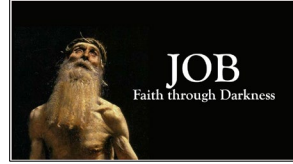


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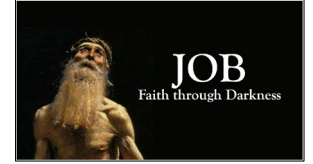


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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- How have your beliefs about God changed and grown over the years? How do you see and relate to God differently now than you once did?

*This study provides only a survey of the dialogues of Job 4–37.
For a fuller understanding, please read the entire text as time allows.*

- *Read Job 4:1–8; 5:17–27.* In this first of three cycles of speeches from Job's three friends, how would you describe Eliphaz's tone and approach to Job? What does Eliphaz imply is the reason behind Job's suffering?
- *Read Job 8:1–7; 11:1–6, 13–20.* What additional charges do Bildad and Zophar level against Job? What do they recommend Job do?
- *Read Job 9:1–4, 14–31; 27:1–6.* What is the essence of Job's rejoinder to his friends and his argument against God?
- How do both Job and his friends view the relationship between God's justice and humanity's sin? Since Job claims to be innocent, how do they each try to resolve the subsequent dilemma?
- How is Job's faith in God challenged by his friends in addition to his circumstances and suffering? If you were Job's friend, what would you have said to Job and why?
- What circumstances in your life have caused you to reconsider what you believed about God or how you relate to God? Who was a friend to you during that time and what did they do? How will you continue to deepen your faith and grow closer to God as a result, and how can your small group or others support and pray for you as you do?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.