

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Shattered (Finding Hope in the Book of Job)

**Week 3: Why is this Happening?
Job 38-41**

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Finally, God speaks! The Lord told Job all about his responsibilities as creator and maintainer of the universe. Job realized that, as a small human, he had no business criticizing God for allowing suffering to enter his life. We must realize the same.

Kicking It Off: How did you celebrate Father's Day?

Discussion:

1. Reread Job 38:1-2 (NLT) *Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words?"*

What did Job say that was "ignorant?"

2. Reread Job 38:4 (NLT) *"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much."*

How does God's creative work illustrate the folly of when human beings criticize their Maker?

3. Reread Job 38:33 (NLT) *"Do you know the laws of the universe? Can you use them to regulate the earth?"*

How does this verse speak of God's intelligence?

4. Reread Job 41:9-10 (NLT) *"It is useless to try to capture Leviathan. And since no one dares to disturb Leviathan, who then can stand up to me?"*

Why is it that people run from the monster "Leviathan," and yet they will stand up to God and criticize His decisions?

5. Reread Job 42:3 (NLT) *Then Job replied to the Lord: "You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me."*

Even though Job still does not know why God allowed suffering to come his way, Job seems OK not knowing. Why is this?

6. We looked briefly at the following eight biblical reasons that God permits suffering: Evangelism, Discipline, Dependency, Punishment, Validation, Appreciation, Glorification, Commiseration

Which of them have you seen at work in your life?

Wrapping It Up:

Many in our church are suffering greatly today. Pray that they may know that God is good and loving even in their difficult days.