

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Shattered (Finding Hope in the Book of Job)

Week 1: What Is Going On?

Job 1-2

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We have all wrestled with what the suffering in this world says about God. If God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving, why is there so much pain in our lives? Wrestling with this topic is of utmost importance and Job will guide us on a journey of discovery and clarity.

Kicking It Off:

Share with the group one thing that you love about summer.

Discussion:

1. Reread Job 1:9-10 *“Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has?”*

Speculate ways that God protects us from suffering?

2. Reread Job 1:11 *Satan said, “Strike everything Job has and he will surely curse you to your face.”*

Why does Satan say this?

3. Reread Job 1:12 *The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power.”*

God allowed Satan to bring suffering and loss into Job’s life. Why does God allow suffering to come into our lives?

4. Reread Job 1:21 *Job said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”*

After losing his children and his wealth, Job made this profound statement. What does Job mean by the statement?

5. If you are willing, share of a hardship that made you struggle with maintaining belief in God’s love or goodness.

6. Reread Job 1:22 *In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.*

Why do many people “charge God with wrongdoing?”

7. How would you advise someone desiring to believe in God’s goodness, but doubting because of the Uvalde, Texas school shooting?

Wrapping Up:

In 1 Peter 5:7 we find this instruction: “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” Spend some time “casting” the issues that are stressing you “on God” through prayer. Pray that His loving concern would bring you peace.