

HELP! I need a new God!

Life Group Discussion Questions – September 26, 2021

JOB 42:5 *“I have **heard** of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye **sees** You”*

Flow to the story of Job:

- Job had an **INCOMPLETE** understanding of God Job 1-2
- Job’s **SUFFERING** didn’t fit that understanding Job 3
Job thought it was only about **HIM**... cursed his **BIRTH**, desired **DEATH**
- Job and his **FRIENDS** search for answers Job 4-37
Eliphaz – **INDIRECT** rebuke; wicked people are overthrown, righteous people are not
Bildad – **DIRECT** rebuke; calling Job and his kids wicked, therefore cut off
Zophar – **INTENSE** rebuke: how dare you proclaim your innocence in the midst of such severe suffering
Job’s reply – I’m hurting to the point of desiring **DEATH**;
but I’m **INNOCENT** of evil
Elihu – Rebuke’s both Job and his friends for unwarranted self-righteousness & accusations
- God joins the **CONVERSATION** Job 38-41
God did not give any **EXPLANATION**, any **DECISION**, nor any **COMPENSATION**
God gave Job more of **HIMSELF**
- Job **RECONSTRUCTS** his understanding of God Job 42
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HELP! I need a new **PERSPECTIVE OF** God!
John 9:1-3; 1 Cor. 4:7-10; Eph. 3:8-10; 1 Peter 1:10-12

The **BEST** people suffer
Luke 2:52; Hebrews 2:10; Isaiah 53:3; Hebrews 4:10

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DISCOVER

1. Can you recall a time in your life when your understanding of God moved from what others taught you about Him to you experiencing Him personally? How did that change your relationship with God?
2. What kinds of life circumstances does God use to help people make this kind of shift in their understanding of Him?

EXPLORE

1. Our relationship with God is a progressive one. It grows and matures as we go deeper in our devotion to Him. It is designed this way. Even Jesus’ walk with God was a growing relationship. Read Luke 2:52; what does this verse tell us about Jesus?
2. Read John 9:1-3. The man was blind from birth. Who did the disciples blame? What was Jesus’ response? What does this teach us about God’s work in individual lives?
3. Read Hebrews 2:10. What did God the Father use in Jesus’ life to ‘perfect’ Him?
4. These verses teach us a ton about suffering and pain. Sometimes these are the consequences of our personal decisions; sometimes are the consequences of the decisions of someone close to you; but sometimes suffering and pain are God’s method of showing the ‘spiritual realm’ how believers can remain faithful, even when suffering. Is this truth new to your understanding of God?

EXPERIENCE

1. We all can grow deeper in our walk with God. Has God used difficulty or suffering as a path for spiritual growth in your life?
2. After understanding these verses, if someone you know is suffering and it does not seem to be the consequence of a personal decision, how would you console them?
3. The next time you endure a season of suffering, how will this study help you walk through it?

PRAY/ACTION

Pray... thank the Lord for His incredible wisdom and grace. Thank Him for being able to manager both the human world and the spiritual realms. Ask Him to give you the strength to remain faithful and positive during your next season of struggle.

Action... How can you live-out the study this week? Discuss ideas with your group.