

Job

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the book of Job?

Although story/book of Job brings some life's big questions to the forefront, it doesn't answer them all. When God doesn't answer your questions aren't answered, how are you prone to respond?

Have you encountered a time when it's hard to trust God's wisdom rather than demanding to figure out the "why" behind it all?

The reality that the Bible doesn't answer all of Job's questions (or ours) about suffering should cause us to pause when we are quick to offer advice to people who are suffering. When we face suffering, either in our life or someone's life we are observing, we can tend to simplify God on the one hand, or on the other, accuse God.

- If you were to err in this, which direction would you tend to go?
- What are some ways that we simplify God?
- What are some ways that we accuse Him?
- What are the results of these extremes?

One thing the book does (in chapters 38-41) is contrast the human perspective, wisdom and power with God's perspective, wisdom and power. When occurs within you when you consider the difference in the two?

Another concept that becomes plain in this book is that God honors the way job struggles (chapter 42) – with honesty, authenticity, and ultimate submission to God regardless of the inexplicable suffering. How are you with allowing yourself or others to struggle with God?

The last question I'll take right from this week's sermon: Will you love & worship God no matter what happens (trusting God with every part of your life, including your future)?