

> This "Job" is ruined

> Dialogue and the end of theology

> The reason revealed

For personal study or with your Life Group:

1. Take the time to read the entire book of Job in one sitting. What view of God comes across to you? Is his conduct consistent with what you believe? Why or why not?
2. The type of writing in this book is more poetry than narrative or directive. Have there been other works of poetic literature that have struck a chord with you?
3. When you have faced troubles in your life, who or what has been your biggest support that would walk with you through the situation? How have you responded to those who try to "explain away" the situation to you? Moreover, what about those who have tried to "defend God's actions"? Is there a place for such a dialogue?
4. Does God have to give an answer or reason for everything, especially the problem of evil and suffering?
5. Read Job 11:7 and consider the mystery of God's love for us. How does that strike you?
6. Study these passages about how God reveals himself to us: 1 Corinthians 2: 1, Ephesians 1:9, 3:3, 3:9, 1 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 1:1-3