

## Session #10: Job 1:8-22

### Small Group Questions

1. Who is Job? Can you think of modern day parallels of Job's story?
2. In 1981 Rabbi Kushner wrote a book called "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." Drawing on Scripture, reason and experience, what do you make of the book's title?
3. Where is God when "bad things happen to good people?" Kushner suggested that God "suffers" with us, but stopped short of concluding that God is able to do something about our suffering. What do you think?
4. Have you, or a loved one, ever suffered innocently? How did God help you get through the experience? How are you different as a result of it?
5. Is it okay to complain to God? How can Christians complain to God in faith?
6. Have you ever complained bitterly to God? Take some time to read Psalm 73. What is going on as the Psalm writer complains? How does God meet him in the midst of it, and lead him through it?
7. Job is drama of faith seeking wisdom in the face of suffering. How do you feel about how the setting unfolds in chapters 1 and 2? Does anything trouble you about the lee-way God gives Satan? Does this upset or 'mess with' your theology? How so?
8. Much of the historical details of Job are missing to us. How is Job like every man and every woman? In what ways does Job pre-figure Christ?
9. The key to chapter one are verses 20-21. How was Job able to praise God in the face of suffering? How can we praise God in the face of our own suffering?

**Close in prayer together.** During this Lenten season think about how the sufferings of Jesus help make sense of our sufferings and how our sufferings can draw us closer to him. You may even sing "Blessed Be Your Name" or "When Peace Like a River" as your end your time together.

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**"Blessed Be Your Name"** by: *Matt Redman*

Blessed Be Your Name / In the land that is plentiful / Where Your streams of abundance flow / Blessed be Your name  
Blessed Be Your name / When I'm found in the desert place / Though I walk through the wilderness / Blessed Be Your name

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise / When the darkness closes in, Lord / Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord / Blessed be Your name / Blessed be the name of the Lord / Blessed be Your glorious name**

Blessed be Your name / When the sun's shining down on me / When the world's 'all as it should be' / Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name / On the road marked with suffering / Though there's pain in the offering / Blessed be Your name

You give and take away / You give and take away / My heart will choose to say / Lord, blessed be Your name

**"It is Well with My Soul"** by: *Horatio G. Spafford & Philip P. Bliss*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way / When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say / It is well, it is well, with my soul.

**It is well (it is well) / With my soul (with my soul) / It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come / Let this blessed assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate / And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! / My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more / Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight / The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend / Even so, it is well with my soul.