

Session #11: Job 19:13-27
Small Group Questions

1. How is Job's speech different in chapter 19 than it was in chapter 1? Does his transformation seem true to life—true to your experience of sustained suffering?
2. Do you think Job's experience of being abandoned by others is somehow related to his feelings that God has abandoned him, too? Why or why not? Can you relate?
3. Is lament and complaint part of your prayer life? Do you feel safe expressing your confusion, anger and frustration to God? What about to other Christians? What or who makes you feel safe or unsafe?
4. Take some time to look at Psalm 88. Why do you think this Psalm is in the Bible? Has there been a time in your life when you could pray this Psalm?
5. Have you ever struggled with how to act around suffering people—wondering what you should say and do? Why can that be so difficult?
6. Pastor Bill said we need to be personally affected by other people's pain. We need to weep with those who weep. How can doing that offer people hope?
7. The climax of Job's despair (v. 6-24) coincides with the climax of his hope (v. 25-27). Does that surprise you? What does that say about the Spirit of God in the lives of believers?
8. How does Job *know* what he says he knows in verses 25-27a? How is that connected to what he says in 27b? Have you ever hoped for something, deep within your bones, that seemed to fly in the face of everything you saw and were experiencing? Where did that hope come from, do you think?
9. **Read II Corinthians 4:16-18.** Use it as a launch pad for deeper discussion, personal testimonies, prayer requests, and surrendered prayer together.