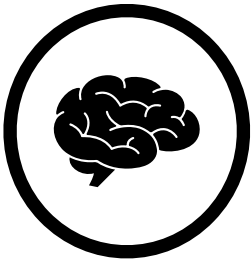


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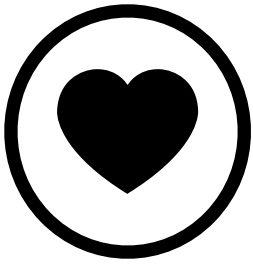
15th January 2023 | Job 3 | God in our Suffering



Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What are your thoughts on the Book of Job? What questions does the book leave you with?
2. Compare Job 1:20-22 with Job 3. How are these passages different or similar?
3. Was Job wrong to curse the day of his birth (compare Psalm 139:1-16)? Why or why not?
4. What are the benefits according to Job of never being born?
5. What 'why' questions does Job ask in chapter 3?
6. What is it that Job 'feared' in 3:25 (compare with Job 29:2-20)?
7. Is there anything from this chapter that you find jarring?
8. Can questioning God like Job does serve to strengthen our faith?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu said that suffering, be it physical, relational, emotional or spiritual can strike at any moment. Has the Book of Job ever been a source of comfort for you at these times? When?
2. Stu suggested that we all respond to suffering differently. Job's wife told him to give up, his friends tried to rationalise and explain his suffering and Job yo-yoed between great faith and fragility. Do any of these responses resonate with you?
3. Job's friends believed that all suffering is caused by sin, Job was suffering and so therefore he must have sinned. Were they wrong? Is there a measure of truth in their words?
4. Eventually God answers Job from the storm cloud with 77 questions of His own which span chapter 38-40. What do these questions achieve? How would you respond if you were in Job's shoes?
5. Stu suggested that our suffering in life, whilst not caused by God, can be used for God's purposes. Do you agree? How can God use our suffering?
6. How would reflecting on the Cross help us in a season of suffering?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. What steps can you put in place to help you respond with trust and faith in moments of suffering?
2. Do you have a testimony of how God has used a season of suffering to grow Christ-likeness in you?
3. Do you know someone who is in a season of suffering, whose burden you could lift?

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response