

Questions for the Week



Connect (pick 1 question to ask the group)

1. What is something you are waiting on the Lord for?
2. What is something you are grateful for this week?

Study (Read Job 23)

1. Job seems to be confused and angry in this passage. Have you been through a season of being confused and angry at God? What was that like?
2. Why do you think it's important to see Job express these feelings in scripture?
3. St. John of the Cross called this feeling the "dark night of the soul." When you are in that season what do you think you need the most from God? What do you need from other people?
4. What are 2-3 things you can do as an individual in a "Dark night of the soul" to get through the difficulty?
5. For those of us that have been in a "dark night" season in the past, what do you know now that you wish you could tell yourself back then?

Reflect

1. Based on this passage, is there anything you personally need to confess, consider, or surrender to God?
2. Is there any relationship or situation in your life that this story applies to?

Leader Notes

As wisdom literature, the book of Job doesn't give us a lot of clear answers. Instead it asks us to wrestle with questions and emotions that are common to the human experience. The crux of the book is that we are asked to wrestle with these things with God instead of alone. We bring all of those feelings and experiences to God as we feel them and experience them. Even the dark night of the soul is something we do not need to fear or hide. If Job, a man clearly called "righteous," can feel as though God has disappeared, we can too. If we process the dark night season with God and other believers we will get through it and learn from it.