

The Book of Job: More than Misery

February 24 - Why Do Bad Things Happen?

PREPARE:

Watch a video to get an overview of the book of Job.

Watch it at <https://www.hosannatogether.org/job> or go to <https://youtu.be/xQwnH8th fs>.

You have the option to download and view the outline presented in the video at

<https://www.hosannatogether.org/job>.

Read from the Book of Job, chapters 1-3.

In worship, we typically read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible.

However, you may use any Bible you choose. For *this* study, it is recommended that you do *not* use a paraphrase Bible (such as the Message Bible or The Living Bible).

Think through the questions below and write your thoughts down.

This is not a quiz. You won't turn it in. The point is to think prior to our conversation.

If you don't have a printer, you can type or write your thoughts on another sheet of paper.

REFLECT:

Before reading the Bible story, what notions about the book of Job do you bring to the study?

For example: What do you think it's about? What's the moral of the story? What *don't* you know?

After watching the "Overview: Job" video, jot down any questions or insights it brings up for you:

After reading from the Bible, what thoughts or feelings does Job's predicament bring up for you?

Name something bad that has happened in your life that has challenged your faith:

We don't read scripture in a vacuum. Job's experience shook his faith. We will be honest about how the answers we seek touch our lives. As a result, it may get uncomfortable, and it's better to be up front about why it is uncomfortable. You may have opportunity to share this in our discussion, but you won't have to. You choose how raw you're ready to be at this time.

What thoughts or feelings are associated with the experience you named above?

How would you answer the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

OTHER NOTES:

JOIN THE DISCUSSION:

Join us on Wednesday, February 24, 6:15-7:30.

Connect via Zoom through our website or using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88295286483?pwd=bENWK2U0Y1IKQjNNd0lOM1Fqd3FQdz09>

If you are having difficulty with Zoom, follow the tips and tricks on the study web page.

Bring your Bible and these notes with you.