

CELL GROUP DISCUSSION STARTERS

Leader: this sermon is, in some ways, similar to the third sermon of this series. These questions will focus on seeing God for who he is, but feel free to revisit any of the matters raised by the third sermon.

OPENING QUESTION

1. What is the most painful thing you have faced in your life?

Leader: I know I this is a deep question but I think our groups need to start going deep and getting to know each other better!

CONTENT EXPLANATION

Read a selection of verses from chapters 38-41 that show the continual questioning that Job faces (and for which he has no answers).

2. What does Job learn from the questioning he faces from God (40:1-5, 42:1-3)
3. What does job NOT confess?

Hint: the kind of things his counsellors wanted him to confess

4. When Job repents (42:4-6), what actually changed in his heart?
5. Discuss: If you want to repent of sin with which you have been struggling you don't need a new technique or behaviour manipulation – you need to know who God is better.

CONTENT APPLICATION

6. Think of common problems that Christians face (sins, insecurities, and other failings) and contrast the 'worldly' solution with the 'knowing-God-better' solution.

EG: if you want to read the bible more faithfully you need better bible reading notes and to wake up earlier (these may very well be helpful but...) versus you need to know the Almighty God who speaks, who has revealed himself and then you will want to hear what he has to say. See other eggs in sermon notes. Apply it to some problems that the group members may be facing...

TAKE-AWAY

7. Discuss these two summary statements of the message of Job
 - a. God is teaching Job to trust him, not based on the 'why', but the 'who'.
 - b. We can trust God, not because of what we don't know, but because of what we do know.