



DISCUSSION GUIDE

'OVERWHELMED' - Lessons from Job

GETTING STARTED

If you could ask God any question about life, what would it be? Why?

As a child, what decisions or actions did your parents make or did that you questioned? How does this relate to Job and God?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Job 38]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

What do the Lord's questions reveal about Him?

What do the Lord's questions reveal about Job and human nature?

For what did the Lord tell Job to brace himself? (38:3)

What is the focus of the Lord's first round of questions to Job? (38:4-41)

QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT

How would you summarize the Lord's answer to Job?

What point did God want Job to understand through this series of questions?

In what way did Job find God's answers to his questions satisfying or dissatisfying?

Why was Job unable to defend himself?

If you were Job, how do you think you would have responded to the opportunity to present your case to God?

If you were Job, what questions would you have asked God?

What questions did God's reply to Job leave unanswered or unresolved? What does this mean for our unresolved questions?

Read Job 42:1-6

What did Job say about God? (42:1-2)

What did Job say about what he had previously said? (42:3)

Why did Job say he would repent? (42:4-6)

How did God's reply change Job's attitude?

In what way did Job speak about things that he did not understand?

What would God say to us regarding how little we understand?
What would I need to repent of in response to God's questions?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in these passages?
What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?
How can we pray for each other?