

JOB

1 CLASS NOTES

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Was Job living in obedience to God?

What did Job do in response to hardship?

What do Job's friends accuse him of?

Eliphaz

Bildad

Zophar

How did Job respond to his friends thoughts and accusations?

How does God respond to Job's cries?

2 SMALL GROUPS

Open your Catechism to the 1st article of the Creed.

Briefly review the first article and it's meaning.

What is God the Father's job?

Do you think His job is difficult? Why or why not?

Look up and read Job 38:8-15.

In these verses, God is talking to Job. What point is God making here?

What does the book of Job teach us about God's understanding of creation and justice versus our own understanding of things?

3 AROUND THE TABLE

It is VERY likely that you will never experience suffering like Job did. But you WILL experience suffering at some point during your life.

We need to take this Old Testament book of Job and put it to good use in our life. In the New Testament, James summarizes what a believer's theology of suffering should be.

Turn to James 1:2-4

Discussion Questions:

1. Does it make sense that we should be joyful when suffering? Why/why not?
2. What does James say trials will do?
3. Did we find this true of Job?

Facing trials can be hard. Usually it's because we find ourselves asking "why?" Like Job, we wonder why things have happened to us. You see, suffering is not fun, and it's not easy, but it is often very productive. Despite the pain we feel, God can often use it for good. There are countless examples of this throughout scripture (Joseph, Jonah, Hosea, etc.). So it's time to ask ourselves some really tough questions.

1. What is the greatest suffering you have ever had to endure?
2. How do you feel like you have dealt with that so far? (Angry at God, trying to hide it, etc.)
3. Is there any possible good you can see coming out of your trials? How can it improve your faith?

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