

It is better to know God than to know why (Part. 2)

OPENING PRAYER

SHARE

- Think of a time in your life when you have gotten the wrong answer because you asked the wrong question. When was this, and what happened?
- What kind of questions do you ask God when you don't understand circumstances in your life?
- What are some of the difficult "why" questions in your own life?

REFLECT

"We live in a world full of questions, a world that is forever asking 'Why?' We witness tragedy each day on an individual, national, and international scale. Together with the whole world we cry out in anguish, wondering if we will ever see justice restored.

Job also longs for answers. And the answer God gives is not a long philosophical explanation of the problem of evil.. The given is God himself—the God who is sovereign over all. The God who calls people into relationship with him; the God whose wisdom far outweighs human wisdom; the God who offers a personal relationship with him as the answer to the problem of evil; the God who allows his creation to relate to him, to be real with him as Job was, and to find hope and true joy (even amid sufferings) in him."
-Anna MacKenzie

READ Job chapter 42

REFLECTION & ACTION

- What would you say is the primary theme of Job: Suffering, justice, patience? And why?
- What are some of the lessons from Job and Pastor John's sermon that have impacted you during this series?
- How has the book of Job helped you with your difficult "why" questions?
- How can Job 42:1-6 guide your own struggles in life?
- What encouragement do you receive from knowing that "the Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than he did the first" (42:12)?

CLOSE in PRAYER

(Is there anyone in your group experiencing a particularly difficult time of suffering like Job? Spend time in special prayer for that person and their current situation.)