



Life Group Questions
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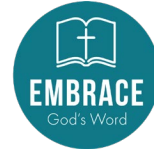
Scripture: Job 3-37

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1. Ice Breaker: What is a time in your life where you experienced something similar to the farmer and the city man? When did you have the wrong context for a situation and draw the wrong conclusion?
2. Identify a time in your life when you experienced something difficult.
 - a. What were you thinking about God during that time? What role did God play?
 - b. How did your perceptions about God and His work during this time influence your response to the difficult experience?
 - c. Looking back, what do you know now that would have change how you responded to the situation?
3. Theodicies are explanations of why things are the way they are in light of who God is. The most common form has three premises: God is all-powerful, God is good/loving, and evil exists. How would you reconcile this theodicy?
4. The Retribution Principle states that God blesses those who do good and punishes those who do evil.
 - a. How have you seen this played out in your own life?
 - b. When was a time that you were tempted to treat the Retribution Principle as a law?



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- c. Joseph's story is a prime example of how sin gets in the way of the Retribution Principle. Spend some time in Genesis 37, 39-50. How did sin effect Joseph's life? How did Joseph respond? What as Joseph's view of God?
 - d. In what areas of your life have you been tempted to be an "ethical mercenary" by doing good just for the rewards it brings?
5. God is a loving Father who disciplines His children.
- a. Read Hebrews 12:4-11. What does it mean for us if we are disciplined? How can this bring us encouragement and joy?
 - b. How have you seen God use discipline in your own life? How did you respond? How did you grow?
6. God allows difficulties in our lives to grow us.
- a. When was a time you were tempted to blame others or sin for difficulties when you were at fault?
 - b. What difficulties are you currently facing? Regardless of who is to blame, in what ways can (are) you grow(ing) in Christlikeness through the difficulty?

Please finish by praying for the needs of your group, including the difficulties each person is facing.