

Community Group Question Guide

JOB Chapters 1&2 – *The Essential Temptation*

Begin by reading Job chapters 1&2 out loud together

- identify the six scenes in these two chapters – what do you think is the thrust / main point in each?
- discuss & note very carefully how the introduction describes Job
- why do you think The Satan (the Hebrew uses the direct object marker) is allowed in God's courts?
- what do you think The Satan has been doing as he has been going to and fro, up and down upon the earth? What story(ies) might inform your answer to this question?
- what underlying question is at the heart of Satan's challenge to God?
- what is Job's first response to the tragedies that befall him? How is it possible for him to respond this way?
- what are the differences between Satan's and God's first and second interactions?
- how did Job's three friends respond and what wisdom might that give us in the face of human suffering?
- how is it that Job can possibly go on in the face of his enormous suffering?
- do these scenes at all change your thinking about / understanding of suffering? If so, how?
- what suffering have you endured and how were you able to get through it?