

Community Group Question Guide

JOB Part 4 of 6 – Zophar & How Not To Care For The Suffering

Passages from which the April 19 sermon will be drawn are below.

Read them out loud together. As your reader proceeds, try to discern & note what you see as the major arguments of Zophar &, in response, Job.

Zophar speaks: Chapter 11

Job replies: Chapters 12-14

Zophar speaks: 20

Job replies: 21

The pattern breaks, no third round of interchange with Zophar...

Observe how Zophar speaks to Job. Looking at the text through a gospel lens, where and how do you think he does well for his suffering friend? Where and why not so much?

In these passages, where is Job responding directly to Zophar versus speaking in general or addressing God directly?

Thinking both in terms of the context of the Job story (chapters 1&2) and in terms of the gospel as a whole:

What other theological conclusions do you see in the words of Zophar? Job? What do you make of their tone / emotions / attitudes?

Where do you believe Job is thinking clearly and well theologically and where not? Why?

What is new information for you here? New thoughts? Of what statements / arguments from both Zophar and Job are you not so sure? i.e. you feel uncertain as whether they are or are not theologically correct...

You may or may not land on any firm conclusions in your study time together – but ask the Lord to feed you through his Spirit.