

11-12-25 Discussion Questions

How do we balance offering compassionate support to those who are suffering while avoiding the mistake of Job's friends who offered accusatory advice disguised as encouragement?

In what ways do we create a 'designer God' based on our preferences rather than accepting who God reveals Himself to be in Scripture, especially when facing hardship?

What does it mean to have 'patient endurance' in today's world, and how does having Christ as our suffering Savior change our ability to endure compared to Job's situation?

How can we cultivate the kind of faith that allows us to say with Job, 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him,' rather than questioning God's goodness when circumstances turn difficult?

Are we more focused on following Christ or simply receiving His grace, and what is the difference between the two in practical daily living?

When facing trials, how do we discern whether suffering comes from our own choices, from living in a fallen world, or as part of God's purposes without falling into Job's friends' error of false judgment?

What would it look like for the church today to reclaim its role in compassionately meeting physical needs while keeping the primary focus on the eternal salvation of souls?

How does understanding that 'innocent people do suffer' through Christ's example change our response to those experiencing unexplained hardship or tragedy?

In what ways are we allowing fear of rejection or persecution to silence our witness for Christ, and what would it take to develop the courage to speak up regardless of consequences?

If we truly believed that following Christ means embracing suffering rather than avoiding it, how would that change our prayers, our expectations, and our definition of a 'good life'?