

# CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Where Were You? Wisdom – November 26, 2023

## Series Overview: Where Were You?

Can God alone satisfy you? This question matters for anyone who pursues God because everyone experiences adversity in some way in their life. We all, at some point, find ourselves in the midst of difficult times – currently, recently, or looming on the horizon. When we go through pain and suffering, we often wonder, “God, where were you?” As we dive into Job's story, we're eager to find an answer to that question, knowing that it's something we've all asked in our own lives. As you wrestle with it, you are encouraged to find a friend in Job, and you will discover you do not wrestle alone.

## Big Idea: What is wisdom?

- Ice Breakers: Who would you say is the wisest person you know? What is the dumbest decision you have ever made?

## Key Points

*Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.*

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
- Wisdom should be a priority and we are told to seek it.
- Godly wisdom has an eternal perspective.
- We need to be in relationship with God to receive wisdom from Him.

## Discussion Questions

*Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.*

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?
- What would you like to learn/study more about?

## Making it Personal

*Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on your personally.*

- When you need help making a difficult decision, who do you normally go to?
- Describe a time or circumstance in your life when you asked God for wisdom.
- Is it ever difficult for you to focus on the eternal? In which instances do your thoughts center too much on the temporal?
- What does your personal fear of the Lord look like? Do you have an appropriate Bible-based fear or is this something you can work on?

## Scripture Review

*Revisit some of the scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.*

- Job 28
- This passage, in a poetic way, lists many places where wisdom cannot be found. Where are some places we seek wisdom today that, based on Job 28, are bound to come up empty?
- How does this passage encourage you to approach the pursuit of wisdom in your life?

## **Diving Deeper**

*Use the verses below to dive into other passages of scripture that relate to the primary scripture passage from this week's sermon.*

### **Old Testament**

- Proverbs 9:10, Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 2:6, Proverbs 16:16, 1 Kings 3:9, Joshua 9 (pay special attention to verse 14)

How do these scripture passages align with the scripture from the sermon? Do you see any contradictions between passages? If so, can you explain why this is?

### **New Testament**

- Colossians 3:1-2, James 1:5, Ephesians 5:15-16, Romans 11:33, Colossians 2:2-3

How do these scripture passages align with the scripture from the sermon? Do you see any contradictions between passages? If so, can you explain why this is?

## **Application & Action**

*It is important to take the knowledge you gain and see how it can become an actionable step that the Holy Spirit can use to produce transformation in your life.*

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Job 28 reminds us that true wisdom comes from God alone. Because God is eternal, the wisdom he gives has an eternal perspective. As we pursue wisdom from God, it is important to actively seek this eternal perspective as well.

- Why do you most often seek wisdom in your life? Is it solely for personal success and comfort or with an awareness of its eternal impact? How could you better align your pursuit of wisdom with God's eternal perspective?
- How might your choices and priorities change if you consistently set your mind on things above (Colossians 3:1-2), considering the eternal impact of your decisions?
- Think about the rope analogy. Are there parts of your life where you need to adjust your priorities to invest more in heavenly treasures rather than temporary pursuits?

## **Two-minute Takeaway**

*In response to this week's message, commit to taking two minutes each day to take a step closer to God.*

At the beginning of this series Pastor Joe issued a challenge to read one chapter of Job per day. A short devotional has been created to accompany the reading. Sign up to receive the devotional via text each morning by texting "JobDevo" to 94000. You can also view the devotional at [www.butlercac.org/job](http://www.butlercac.org/job).

## **Prayer**

*Close your group time together with prayer.*