

# CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Where Were You? Job & Jesus – December 3, 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: Jesus is the hope Job was looking for

- Ice Breaker: What part of the Christmas season do you most look forward to or what would make this Christmas most memorable?

## Key Points

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

- Hard things in life lead to hard questions about life
- Jesus is the hope Job longed for
- Jesus is the mediator Job longed for
- Jesus is the resurrection Job longed for
- Jesus is the vindicator Job longed for

## 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

How has your relationship with Jesus impacted the hope you have?

- How has your relationship with Jesus impacted your view of death?
- How has your relationship with Jesus impacted the way you view evil and injustice in the world?

## Scripture Review

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

- Job 7:7-9, Job 9:16-17 & 22-24, Job 14:13-15, Job 19:7 & 25-26, Job 30:20, Job 32-35
- Job expresses many thoughts, questions, and emotions in these verses. Which do you relate to the most?
- How does Job’s hope come to fruition by the end of the book?

## 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

- Psalm 42:11, Psalm 16:9-11, Isaiah 30:19, Isaiah 54:17, Isaiah 53

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**

- 1 Timothy 2:5, John 11:25, Revelation 21:1-8, Hebrews 9:15, Matthew 1:20-21

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.*

Throughout the book of Job, we have seen him grapple with despair and in this final week, imagine hopeful "What if" scenarios. These scenarios represent Job's longing for answers and clarity. The missing reality is revealed through Jesus Christ, who fulfills Job's hopes as a Mediator, Resurrection, and Vindicator. Jesus is the embodiment of hope in the midst of suffering and uncertainty.

- What have you learned through the study of Job? How has this impacted your perspective on suffering, grief, God's goodness and control of all things?
- Think about a current challenge or difficulty you are facing. How can the hope found in Jesus, as revealed through the book of Job, impact your perspective and response to this situation?
- How can you share this hope with others who may be going through similar challenges?
- The incarnation of Jesus demonstrates God's willingness to enter into the messiness of human life and offer hope in the midst of challenges. How can you embody this example in your interactions with others?

### **Two-minute Takeaway**

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

Christmas is God's answer to the "Where Were You?" question. God says "Here I am," when He takes on the form of a human baby. God became flesh. Allow yourself to be immersed in the power of the incarnation. This week, spend time meditating over the lyrics of the Christmas song Come Thou Long Expected Jesus:

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### **Prayer**

*Close your group time together with prayer.*