

2026-02-18 Discussion Questions

How does Job's struggle with feeling abandoned by God despite his righteousness challenge our own expectations about the relationship between good behavior and divine blessing?

In what ways might we, like Job, attach strings to our good deeds and expect returns from God, and how can we shift toward giving without expectation?

The pastor mentions that we need a plan for suffering or suffering will handle us. What practical steps can we take to spiritually prepare for inevitable hardships?

Paul describes his accomplishments as 'dung' compared to knowing Christ. What achievements or identities do we cling to that might be keeping us from deeper intimacy with Jesus?

How can we cultivate genuine grief and compassion for the poor rather than just feeling sorry for them or avoiding them altogether?

Job made a covenant with his eyes not to look lustfully. What covenants might God be calling us to make in our modern context of constant digital temptation?

The sermon emphasizes that God can 'say the word' and healing happens. How does our prayer life reflect whether we truly believe in God's power or are just going through motions?

What does it mean practically to 'forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead' when it comes to both our sins and our accomplishments?

How might our comfortable American Christianity prevent us from understanding Paul's desire to 'share in Christ's sufferings' and become like him in his death?

As we approach Lent, what is God asking you specifically to give up or start doing that would demonstrate your willingness to rearrange your life around Him?