

2026-02-04 Discussion Questions

How does Job's inability to find God in any direction (east, west, north, south) contrast with David's conviction in Psalm 139 that God is always present, and what does this reveal about the role of perspective in our suffering?

In what ways might we unintentionally replace the worship of God with the worship of our pain, and how can we recognize when our suffering has become our primary focus?

What does it mean to 'practice worship' when life is going well so that we're prepared to worship during devastating loss, and what practical steps can we take to develop this discipline?

How does Paul's calm confidence during the 14-day storm in Acts 27 demonstrate the difference between knowing about God and truly knowing God intimately?

Why do you think Job's friends failed to comfort him effectively, and what can we learn about ministering to those who are suffering without falling into the same patterns?

The sermon suggests that David's key was keeping God in his forefront—how can we distinguish between religious routine and genuinely keeping God as our primary focus throughout daily life?

What does it reveal about our faith when we lose sleep over potential losses or current problems rather than resting in God's sovereignty, and how can we shift this pattern?

How does the statement 'I deserve hell, but Jesus saved me' serve as a foundation for contentment in both prosperity and suffering, and why is this perspective so difficult to maintain?

In what ways might American prosperity and comfort actually handicap us

from developing the kind of faith that can withstand genuine persecution or loss?

What would it look like practically to 'write down our confidences in God' and recall His faithfulness as a weapon against despair during future hardships?