

# Life Group Lesson Outline

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Now My Eyes Have Seen Him Week 1

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## Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

**Purpose:** Encourage fellowship and set a comfortable tone.

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## Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

**Opening Scripture Reading:** Job 13:13-28 & 23:1-17

**Theme = Pastor Sam opened the series asking us to** Pay attention to 3 things =

(1) We must go in a journey (a long hard journey of seeking out God and waiting on Him)

(2) Engage in a forthright argument about your suffering (almost all of Job is an argument, Job with his friends and Job with God, job speaks the truth and does not pretend like things are not there)

(3) Only God himself knows a sufficient answer to our trauma (God does not answer any of Jobs questions, God gives Job himself, and when Job finds out that he is God - Job says "now my eyes have seen")

**Question 1 =** The sermon suggests God may not explain suffering but meets us in Himself. How would encountering God (rather than receiving answers) change the way you process trauma or loss?

**Question 2 =** How does Job's experience of estrangement from God challenge your assumptions about why people suffer, and have you ever felt God was your enemy during hardship?

**Question 3 =** The notes list three "weapons" in suffering — innocence, God's goodness, and a higher purpose. Which of these is hardest for you to hold onto in pain, and why?

**Question 4 =** Job argues honestly with God and his friends instead of pretending everything is fine. How can our life group create space for forthright lament and honest questions about suffering?

**Reflection / Prayer =**

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Now My Eyes Have Seen Him Week 2

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## Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

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## Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

**Opening Scripture Reading:** Job 13:13-28 & 23:1-17

**Theme** = Suffering narrows the heart's "aperture," making us see only pain and wrongly assume God has abandoned us, when in fact a larger unseen, cosmic reality is at work and God remains near and redeeming. The story of Job (fulfilled ultimately in Christ's suffering) teaches that our pain can be an arena of spiritual conflict where God's presence, purpose, and eventual restoration overcome deception and defeat the powers that attack us.

**Question 1** = how does suffering narrow your "heart's aperture," and what practical steps help you widen your view to see God's presence amid pain?

**Question 2** = How does recognizing a broader unseen, spiritual realm (angels, cosmic conflict) change the way you interpret personal suffering?

**Question 3** = In what ways have you experienced or feared the deception that God has abandoned you during hardship, and how can the group help correct that confusion?

**Question 4** = How does Jesus' identification with abandonment and pain shape your hope and trust in God during trials?

**Reflection / Prayer** =

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Now My Eyes Have Seen Him Week 3

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## Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

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## Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

**Opening Scripture Reading:** Job 13:13-28 & 23:1-17

**Theme** = Pastor Adam explored the tension between "starting well" and "ending poorly" in friendship during seasons of suffering, using the story of Job and his three friends as a cautionary tale. It ultimately points toward Jesus as the only perfect friend who truly identifies with our pain, intercedes for our failures, and offers a hope that transcends earthly trauma.

**Question 1** = Job's friends started well by "*sitting shiva*"—staying silent with him for seven days. Why is it so difficult for us to "show up and shut up" when someone is hurting, and what usually tempts us to start offering advice or platitudes instead?

**Question 2** = Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar eventually prioritized "being right" over "being a friend" by blaming Job's sin for his suffering. Have you ever experienced (or offered) "truth" that felt more like a weapon than a bandage? How can we help each other discern the difference?

**Question 3** = God surprisingly vindicates Job's angry, messy, and questioning prayers while rebuking the "polite" theology of his friends. Does this change the way you view "righteous" prayer? How comfortable are you with being completely forthright with God about your pain or confusion?

**Question 4** = The friends were only restored through the intercession of Job—the very man they criticized. How does seeing Jesus as the "True Innocent Sufferer" help you trust Him when your current circumstances don't make sense?

**Reflection / Prayer** =

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