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Session 1

This book follows the man Job, and his three friends as they wrestle with the question, "Why does God allow suffering to happen to good people?" **This question is never answered, because the book wants us to ask better questions** – Is God just? Does God run the world according to justice? The majority of the book are conversations between Job and his friends – they debate about whether God is just, how God operates, and how this relates to Job. Job feels that he is innocent, therefore God is unjust. The friends feel that God is just, therefore Job must be guilty. Towards the end, God speaks, and through His words we learn to trust that God knows what He is doing and is with us in our suffering.

Read Job 1

- Describe Job's character
- Describe the scene that takes place in Heaven
 - Why does Satan present himself before God?
 - How do you feel knowing that Satan presents himself before God?
- Satan is known as the Father of Lies and the Accuser. What does he accuse Job and God of? What does Satan accuse you of?
- What agreement do Satan and God come to? How does it feel knowing that God allows misery?
- How did Job respond? Does this surprise you?
- Identify a time when you felt like Job. How did you respond?

Reflect

1. Consider your trials and whether they've made a dent in your faith
2. Which areas of your faith need a reset?



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Session 2

This session will explore three different perspectives: 1) Job's pain, 2) his friend's advice, and, 3) Job's response to his friends. The goal is to embody each perspective and then discover, **how best to comfort those in need**. The objective is to help us provide comfort, instead of judgement.

The context: Job is sitting in the dirt with three of his friends. He is covered in open wounds in agony. Having sat in silence for some time, Job finally speaks up.

Part 1 - Job 3:20-25

- What is Job's emotional state?
- If you were Job, how would you feel towards God?

Part 2 - Job 4:1-9

- What is Eliphaz's tone/attitude towards Job? (Job 4:2-4)
- What happens to the conversation in v.5-9?
- Have you ever berated someone for their own misfortune? Share more

Part 3 - Job 8:1-7

- What is Bildad's tone/attitude towards Job? How does that make you feel?
- What does Bildad say about God? (Just, fights for the righteous, will bless the upright)
- What assumptions does Bildad make about Job?

Part 4 – Job 9:1-2

- How does Job feel? How would you feel?
- What would you wish to hear?

Reflect

1. What did Job's friends do well / not well?
2. What can you learn about judgement and comfort from Job and his friends?



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Session 3

This session will focus on Chapter 14 regarding the concept of life after death, or in the words of Job, "If someone dies, will they live again?" The concept of eternal life was ambiguous back then but because of Christ, we now have clarity. The goal is to remember our salvation through the Gospel message.

Part 1 - Job 14:1-6

- What point is Job making in v1-2? How relevant is this?
- From v5-6, what is Job's perception of God and humanity?
- What differences/similarities exist between Job's and your perception of God?

Part 2 – Job 14:7-12

- Compare the differences between Job's emphasis on the lives of trees (Job 14:7-9) and humans (Job 14:10-12).
- What is Job's position on life after death?
- How might Job's suffering affect his position/faith?

Part 3 – Job 14:15-17

- What does Job proclaim about God and his creation?
- Where do you fit in that narrative?

Reflect

1. How do your circumstances affect your faith?
2. How could your ultimate assurance (your salvation) re-seat your faith?



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Session 4

This session will focus on the fate of the wicked through Chapter 20 and 21, both opposing arguments. The objective is to reflect on how we feel about wicked and evil people and whether that aligns with God.

Part 1 - Job 20

- What is Zophar's position on the wicked? Expand
- What *appears* to be God's position to the wicked?

Part 2 – Job 21

- What is Job's position on the wicked? Expand
- What *appears* to be God's position to the wicked?

Part 3

- Which position do you see prevalent in the world today?
- Which position do you personally lean toward?
- What position do you wish for God to have towards the evil and wicked?

Reflect

1. Where is your heart in relation to wicked and evil people?
2. How much do you trust God as the ultimate authority and Judge towards the wicked and evil?



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Session 5

This session will focus on Chapter 38, where God finally speaks to Job and his friends. Rather than give answers, God asks a series of questions which ultimately help Job realise that He is far bigger, vast and more complex than Job (and we) could comprehend. Job realises that he has no right to question God but instead realises His care, nearness and control. The objective is to help us realise that God is beyond our thinking, circumstance and control. What would it *really* mean to trust Him?

Read Job 38

- What is the significance of God's questioning?
- What is the significance of God's expansive examples?
- What characteristics of God are revealed?
- Which verses do you resonate with the most? Share more
- What is important about God speaking to Job in the midst of his suffering?
- What comfort does God provide Job through His words?

Reflect

1. What is important about remembering the grandness of God?
2. Where in your life could this be most important now? How could it help?
3. How much do you *really* trust God with your life?