



Community Group Questions
Sunday, August 7



The "How" Question
Selected Scriptures in Job

Read Job chapters one and two before answering the following questions.

1. Looking back on a hard time in your life where you've experienced a loss, who would you say provided the most comfort to you? What did they do for you that was most comforting?
2. If you haven't experienced a real loss in your life that was very hard for you, what do you think would bring you most comfort if you found yourself in this situation?
3. What was Satan trying to prove by the suffering he inflicted on Job? As much as Job proved Satan wrong, how did his wife do what Satan wanted Job to do?
4. What did Job mean by his response to his wife's urging for him to curse God? (His response is found in chapter two, verse 10.)
5. In Sunday's sermon Steve said the following: "Go into any hard time with Job's wife's perspective on life and you're headed into a life of misery. Share Job's perspective and it makes all the difference on your ability to handle hard times." Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?
6. What did Job's three friends do right in comforting Job? (Answer is found in chapter two, verses 11-13. Steve listed three in Sunday's sermon.)
7. Have you ever had a time when you sensed the Holy Spirit prompting you to connect with someone. You followed that prompting and found out it was exactly what they needed because they were in the midst of a very difficult situation. If you're in a small group, take the time to share this experience and what it meant to them and to you.
8. What's one of the mistakes that is easy to make regarding time when we know someone's who's grieving the loss of someone close to them?
10. Job's friends blew it in their effort to comfort Job. Their mistake had everything to do with what they said to him about the reason for his suffering. Eliphaz was the first to speak. What reason did he give for Job's suffering in chapter 4, verses 1-9? Why was this the wrong assumption for him to make?
11. In Sunday's sermon Steve talked about the importance of carefully weighing the words we speak to someone in grief. What would you say are things we can say that are comforting? What could a person say that adds sorrow to the sorrow a person is already experiencing?