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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Job

Main Idea

The story of Job confronts one of the hardest questions of the human experience: Is God still good when life falls apart? Job was a man of integrity who feared God, yet in a moment, he lost everything. His possessions, his family, even his health. In his pain, Job wrestled deeply with suffering, loss, and the silence of heaven. But through it all, he never let go of God. While God didn't explain the reasons for Job's suffering, He revealed something far greater: Himself. Sometimes we may not get the "why," but we're invited to trust the "Who." As we begin our discussion, let's consider how we respond when life doesn't make sense—and how God meets us not just with answers, but with His presence. Because even when we've lost it all, He is enough.

“The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!”

JOB 1:21

Make It Practical

Faith that endures loss

- Job lost his possessions, his health, and his children, yet he responded with worship instead of blame. His story challenges us to trust God's goodness even when life feels broken.
- Job 1:20-22; Job 2:7-9

We don't always get the "why," but we can trust the "Who"

- God never answers Job's questions directly—but instead reveals His power, wisdom, and presence. When we look up, we remember that nothing is wasted in God's hands.
- Job 38:2-21

God is enough—even when everything else is gone

- True hope isn't rooted in circumstances but in the unchanging character of God.
- Spurgeon said, "I have learned to kiss the waves that throw me up against the Rock of Ages."
- Job 1:21; Job 42:5

Talk About It

How do you typically respond when life takes an unexpected and painful turn?

- Reflect on Job's reaction in Job 1:20–22. What does his worship in the midst of loss reveal about his faith—and what might it be challenging in us?

Why do you think God chose not to explain Job's suffering, and instead pointed him to His greatness and power?

- Read Job 38:2–21. How can focusing on who God is change the way we walk through seasons of suffering?

What does it mean to say, “God is enough,” even when we've lost everything else?

- Have you experienced a time when God's presence sustained you more than answers could? What helped you hold on to faith in that moment?

**God won't always give us the 'why,'
but He will always give us Himself.**



Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being a God who is near to us in every season—especially in times of pain and confusion. When life doesn't make sense, help us to trust in who You are. Remind us that You are good, faithful, and always with us. Teach us to worship You not just when life is easy, but even when it's hard. May our faith grow deeper, our hearts remain open, and our eyes stay fixed on You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Next Steps

Choose worship over resentment in difficult moments.

- When life is painful or confusing, take time to acknowledge God's presence through prayer, worship, or Scripture—even if you don't have the answers.

Reflect on God's character by reading Job 38–41.

- Spend time this week reading God's response to Job. Let it remind you of His greatness, power, and care for His creation—including you.

Share your story of faith in hardship.

- Talk with someone about a time you experienced God's presence in the middle of loss or suffering. Your testimony can strengthen someone else's faith.