# Session 4

# LISTEN (15 minutes)

Listen to the fourth session by Jago - https://youtu.be/KyelQqfcrdQ

## **READ (5 minutes)**

Read together Job 28:12-28

## DISCUSS (20 minutes)

Q1. Job 28 is an interlude chapter, put in by the author of the book for us to understand what wisdom looks like in terms of how we respond to times of suffering. What does this chapter teach us about wisdom?

Ans: Wisdom is valuable, yet inaccessible.

Q2. Read Job 28:28 again. And compare it to Job 1:1. What does this tell us about Job?

Ans: Job is wise in God's eyes

Q3. Jago mentioned two learning points for us in relation to responding to suffering. The first was to focus on "Who" more than "Why". He said "True wisdom is not about knowing why suffering happens, but about knowing the God who knows why suffering happens". Has this last year been one where you have grown in wisdom according to this definition?

Q4. The second learning point was to focus more on "How long" than "Why". Jago said, "True wisdom is not about focusing on the origins of evil and suffering but about focusing on the conclusions of evil and suffering". What are the things in your life where you are crying out "How long" to God? [acknowledge there may not be things that people want to share with the whole group]

Q5. How does it make you feel that in order to bring an end/conclusion to suffering, God himself has suffered?

#### PRAY (15 minutes)

Linking back to question 4, go into small single sex breakout groups, and share where each person is crying out "How long?" to God. Then pray for each other and petition God about these things.

## NOTICES (5 minutes)

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