



Session 5

LISTEN (15 minutes) Listen to the fifth session by Jago – <https://youtu.be/9QuoOxrFeZc>

READ (5 minutes) Read together James 5:7-11

DISCUSS (20 minutes)

[you may just want to pick three of these five questions that you think are most relevant to your group]

Q1. Jago's four main points as he looked at Job 40-42 were:

1. The Problem of Evil (40:1-14)
2. The Power of Evil (40:15-41:9, 12-34)
3. God's Prevailing over Evil (41:10-11)
4. Our Perseverance through Evil (42).

Which were you most struck by and why?

Q2. See James 5:7-11. How was Job able to persevere?

Q3. Other than God, every character in the book of Job doesn't know or understand everything about suffering. What would you say?: a) Job's friends b) Job c) Satan don't understand

Ans:

a) *their theology has no room for Satan and waiting/persevering through suffering.*

They are looking for a framework of suffering, rather than looking for God in the suffering. They don't understand that Who is more important than Why.

b) *that even in suffering, God is still good and loving.*

Job rightly questions God about how long suffering will go on, but he doesn't always hold onto the truth that God is good.

While Job believes "I know that my Redeemer lives", he doesn't know that God will suffer on the cross so that God can win victory over suffering, sin, death and Satan.

c) *that suffering does not destroy the true believer.*

It is deeply painful – but there is not complete hopelessness. So even in times of suffering, we don't need to curse God.

Q4. What don't you understand about suffering?

Q5. What do you now understand from the book of Job that is going to be an encouragement to you in times of suffering and storms?

PRAY (15 minutes)

As one group, thank God for that he has prevailed over sin and death and Satan at the cross.

Pray for perseverance and patience in suffering, and a trust that the Lord is compassionate and gracious even in times of suffering.

Cry out "how long" and ask God to intervene in situations/storms that people in the group are in the middle of.

NOTICES (5 minutes) Via Connect Group leaders

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Explain we are starting a new CG series next week on "Solid Foundations in a Shaken World" looking at how we can trust the Bible.