

## The Old Testament – Questions to Consider

Week 5: Job 11-25

### Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you could go back in time and change something, what would you change and why?

1. What do you think about the long dialogues between Job's friends and Job? If you were trying to summarize and explain the book of Job to a friend, how would you describe this week's reading?
2. When you read Job 12:1-3, what kind of attitude do you believe Job is communicating? What sort of tone might he be using? What are the benefits of this? What are the dangers of this?
3. Read Job 12:4. Have you ever been made fun of? What for? What are some of the motives of those who mock and laugh at others? Have you ever made fun of others? What for? How does this verse convict you of your past treatment of others? The next time we suffer ridicule, how might we better respond? How might we better pray for those who laugh at us?
4. Read Job 12:13-25. Which is your favorite description of God? Why?
5. Read Job 14:1-2, 5, 10. Is this true? What is the relevance of this truth?
6. Job 19:13-19 speaks about having brothers, relatives, servants, close friends, and his own wife hating him and turning against him. Have you ever experienced that loss? That loneliness? That heartbreak? What got you through that season?
7. Why is Job 19:25-26 such a powerful and important passage?
8. Job 21:7 asks "Why do the wicked live, reach old age, and grow mighty in power?" Have you ever wondered about this same scenario? A similar situation? Read how Job continues in Job 21:13-14. Do you think this describes the heart of the lost? When you were lost would you have said something similar to God? Why would lost souls treat God this way?
9. Job's friends are ultimately confronted by God as speaking wrongly. In Job 21:34, Job says "How then will you comfort me with empty nothings? There is nothing left of your answers but falsehood." Should we ever confront someone in such a bold way? How would you know it was time to confront someone with such boldness? When would it not be wise to speak this way to someone? What are some key tips you would offer a friend who was considering such a confrontational conversation?

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Job 1:8 "And the LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?'"

### 13 Ways Job is "Blameless and Upright"

1. **Purity with E\_\_\_\_\_** - Job 31:1-2 "I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin? What would be my portion from God above and my heritage from the Almighty on high?"
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5. **F\_\_\_\_\_ in the Workplace** - Job 31:13 "If I have rejected the cause of my manservant or my maidservant, when they brought a complaint against me"
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**8. No Trust in or Love of Money** - Job 31:24–25 “If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence, [25] if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much”

**9. No W \_\_\_\_\_ of the Creation or of Self** - Job 31:26–27 “if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor, [27] and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand”

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### ***Similarities with Job in Psalm 112***

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Romans 10:9–10 “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

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#### **This Next Week’s Old Testament Reading Plan:**

Week 6: Job 26-40

- **Read the Old Testament w/Us:** [www.southfork.church/2024](http://www.southfork.church/2024)
- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
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