

Women's Bible Study
Study Questions for October 25, 2017
God's Response to the Suffering Person ~ Angie Pankratz
Job 38-42

1. What is the first question God asks Job in chapter 38? Looking back what would be an example of Job speaking words without knowledge? What does Proverbs 10:8-10 and Matthew 12:36 warn about in regards to our speech?

2. God doesn't seem to specifically answer any of Job's questions but instead asks him dozens of questions that relate to nature. Why do you think he does that? What does Psalm 19:1-4 and Romans 1:20 tell us what God communicates through nature?

3. Read 42:5-6. Scholars are divided on whether Job repents from sin or just has a repentant heart because he has experienced the presence of God. What do you think? (As always try to use Scripture to back up your answer.)

4. What word or phrase in 42:10 tells you that Job's prayer for his friends is directly connected to God's restoration of him? What is keeping you from praying for and forgiving someone in your life?

5. In what ways did Job at the end of his life manage much better than when we were introduced to him in chapter one? What is the danger in people assuming that if they are like Job that they too will be blessed like he was in chapter 42? (Hint: Consider other Biblical examples that did not end their lives with such great health and wealth.... Paul, Moses, etc.)

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1. When God responds to Job, he asks him a series of rhetorical questions using many clever metaphors. Out of the many questions God asks, which ones are your favorites and why?

2. Job 38-41 lists several examples of how creation testifies to God's sovereignty, power and love. What part of creation do you easily see God's handiwork?

3. Job seems very remorseful in 42:5-6 in the presence of God. When was the last time that God convicted you like that?

4. Look again at 42:7. How does God respond when someone does not speak truth about Him? Name a time when someone was trying to convince you about something that was incorrect about God.

5. When did you go through a trial that you never quite understood why God was allowing it to happen? What was difficult about that time? How did you see God in a new way?