

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## *Job Series*

These questions are for the **June 2, 2019** sermon, "Scratching the Surface." Please read the sermon passage (Job 25-26) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline

WHILE WE SUFFER, WE ARE RIGHT BEFORE GOD WHEN . . .

1. His Word is the source of our help (26:1-4)
  - a. An imbalanced counselor will emphasize one characteristic of God (or man)
    - i. 25:1-3, Bildad says, "God is so high and lofty that he is unapproachable."
    - ii. 25:4-6, Bildad says, "Man is so sinful that he has not hope."
    - iii. His conclusion: "Man cannot be in the right before God."
  - b. But God's word says that God will conquer the enemy, and save his people.
  - c. God has already announced that Job is blameless (Job 1:1). Trust God's Word!
2. His wisdom is the foundation of our thinking (5-10)
  - a. Bildad says that God's wisdom and strength makes human righteousness impossible.
  - b. Job knows that God's wisdom and strength is the only thing that can make righteous.
    - i. Consider God's wisdom in matters of life and death (5-6)
    - ii. Consider God's wisdom in matters of creation and the cosmos (7-8)
    - iii. Consider God's wisdom in the realm of heaven (9-10)
3. His power is the reason for our awe (11-13)
  - a. God has power to shake the whole earth (11)
  - b. God has power to still the whole earth (12-13)
4. CONCLUSION
  - a. The ultimate wisdom and power of God to save is made manifest in Jesus Christ.
  - b. When we see God's wisdom and power in our suffering . . .
    - i. That is just the "outskirts" of his majesty.
    - ii. That is the whisper, coming before the thunderous display of his majesty.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Bildad emphasizes just one characteristic of God (He is transcendent, or "unapproachably higher than us"), and just one characteristic of mankind, (he is totally depraved or "utterly sinful"). Give some examples from your life of how emphasizing only one characteristic of God (or man) results in soul-crippling advice. What Scripture helps us?
2. Based on #2, above: God is all-wise--even in your suffering. Which displays of God's wisdom (over life and death, over creation, over the ongoing management of the earth and over heaven) most astound you? How does the reality of God's wisdom strengthen you to endure suffering?
3. Based on #3, above: God is all-powerful--even in your suffering. Which displays of God's strength (his ability to shake the whole earth, and his ability to calm the whole earth) produce great awe in your heart? Are you currently in greater awe of God's power? Or of your problems? How does the reality of God's power help you in your suffering?
4. Based on #4, above: God's wisdom and power is like a "whisper" to us in our suffering, it's a whisper that guarantees that his thunder will come. How is God's wisdom and power, displayed in Jesus Christ, like "thunder" in your life?