

Wednesday

Read **Job 42:5-6** *Job accepts God's truth*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why was it important to Job to see God rather than hear about God?*
2. *Why does Job say he despises himself? Does this change his relationship with God?*

Prayer Focus Restorer, we're sorry for all the ways we choose to reject your laws and ways. We humble ourselves before you and thank you for your astonishing patience and compassion, not blaming you for our condition.

Thursday

Read **Job 42:10-12** *God restores Job's prosperity*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you think Job would have stayed at peace with God if all his fortunes weren't restored? Did Job find justice?*
2. *What was Job's relationship with God after all these gifts came to him?*

Prayer Focus All good things come from you, Abundant Giver. We are blessed by you daily, even when we don't see it. Stay with us, be our God, and we re-commit to being the ones who gratefully receive your unending grace.

Friday

Read **Job 42:13-17** *God blesses Job*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you feel all these new things make up for the suffering Job experienced? Why?*
2. *Who might be suffering and in need of restoration—with you, with God, with others?*

Prayer Focus Suffering is real to you, God With Us, though sometimes you alone know the reason it exists. You've charged us not with striving to grasp you, but to love and care for all those who suffer, knowing you are working through us, healing us all.

More than Justice

Pastor's message:.. God restores our lives not according to His justice but according to His grace.

Message Notes:

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Which movie do you want to see right now: One where it all ends happily ever after or one where the bad guys lose? Why?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

MORE THAN JUSTICE

October 24, 2021

Monday

Read **Job 42:1-2** *Job declares his faith*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *This is a very vulnerable moment for Job. Do you ever find yourself thinking you can take care of things without God's help or presence?*
2. *Have there been moments in your life when you felt you glimpsed the vastness of God? What was that like?*

Prayer Focus We know you're there, God, and that you're listening. We also know we are not you. We know that what you have in mind will be done. Help us hold fast to the faith that says you are the God who gets things done—with us or in spite of us!

Tuesday

Read **Job 42:3-4** *Job sees his limits*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What did Job misunderstand about God? What do you think he learned about suffering?*
2. *In your relationship with God, do you make time to listen as well as talk to God? Why?*

Prayer Focus Creator, sometimes we drop the ball and forget you're in charge. Or we want answers spelled out in large letters right in front of us. We lose that sense of wonder at all you are. Forgive us for putting our limits on you.