WISDOM FOR SUFFERING

CH. 42	42:1-6 Job's confession & reperlance 42:7-9 God condemns Job's friends 42:10-17 God restones Job's health & wealth
CH. 38 - 41	Ch 38 God's power Ch 39 God's creatures #1 40:1-5 Job's sturned slence 40:6-41 God's creatures #2
CH. 2:11 - 37:24	2:11-13 7 days of sieroe On 3 Job laments On 4-14 Round #1 of counsel On 15-21 Round #2 of counsel On 22-26 Round #3 of counsel On 27-31 Job laments On 32-37 Elhu counsels
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A ROAD TRIP ACROSS THE BIBLE JOB

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The book of Job is about a man experiencing deep and inexplicable suffering. He is asking the timeless question we have all asked, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" As that question is processed, we're reminded of three Biblical truths. . . .

I. We SUFFER REGULARLY.

II. We UNDERSTAND OCCASIONALLY.

III. We can TRUST CONTINUALLY.



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Questions for Growth Groups

CONNECTING TOGETHER

Share life together. How was the week? What's happening these days? Joys and challenges?

Snap a pic of your Growth Group and post it on your social media sites using #GraceSLOGrowthGroups.

UNDERSTANDING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

1. What jumped out at you in our overview of the book of Job? How were you touched or challenged?

2. Read Job 1:1-2:10 AND Job 39-42 together. These serve as the bookends of the book.

- 3. Share a time of suffering in your life when you were really asking "WHY?" questions.
- 4. When we suffer, we long to understand why. In our search for why, our natural inclination is to question/blame ourselves or to question/blame God. How does this come out in the book of Job? What are Job's friends focussed on? What is Job's continual response?

- 5. When we question/blame God, what two things are we apt to question about His character?
- 6. Is Job suffering because of some hidden sin in his life? Why is he suffering? (Warning: This is a bit of a trick question with layers.) Does God ever answer Job's why question? What answer does Job receive?
- 7. How does the book of Job point us to Jesus and His Gospel?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Make and take time to share and pray for one another's needs. Pray that God would grow our trust in Him as we suffer regularly. Pray for the lost, the unreached, the underserved. . . those who don't yet trust the Gospel . . . in your circles of influence and across the Central Coast.