

Sermon-based Small Groups

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Job & Friends: Presence

Job 2:11-13

Week of June 16, 2024

This week's scripture:

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. ¹² When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. ¹³ They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Sermon Reflection Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- Are there "false comforts" that you are tempted to share with friends in their suffering? What are they? Why do we feel the need to share them?
- What can we learn from Jesus Christ about the power of healing presence? What are some characteristics of Jesus's presence that we might model in our interactions with friends who are hurting?