

Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.
2. Church Life: Baptisms on March 4th; Women of Hope event Saturday March 10th; Nourish and Grow Women's Retreat April 13th-14th at Mission Hills; Ministry Partners needed for Children, Student, Music, and Host ministries; Golf Tournament for Jordan Mission Team March 18th, \$75 per player.

Learning

Knowing God

Key Doctrines

- *Creation* – Suffering and evil are mysterious forces in our world that cannot be explained away, fixed, or avoided by human effort or wisdom.
- *Humanity* –God made us to be in life-giving relationship to each other, relationships that are often challenged by suffering.
- *Redemption* – God deals with suffering and evil not by “explaining it” to human beings, but by becoming a human being and experiencing it with us as our friend and companion.

Key Observations

- What was anything that stood out to you about this week's sermon, or what did you take away?
- *Read:* Job 38:1-11; 40:6-14; Proverbs 3:5-6.
 - How does God respond to Job's honest complaint's and accusations against His character?
- What is the intended effect of the questions that God has for Job?
- *Read:* Job 42:7-9; Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 26:7-9; 27:6.
 - What is it about Job's 'friends' that God finds offensive?

- What is the purpose of friendship?

- Read: John 15:12-15
 - How does God demonstrate his friendship with us in Jesus?

Listening

Responding to God

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

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Loving

Obeying God

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?

- This week I am committed to praying for _____ about:

Checking Out

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?

- Close in Prayer and Read Proverbs 18:24.