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Bible Study Outline

Study to show “The Way of True life,”

TOPIC: Dealing with Disaster

TEXT: *Job Chapter 1*

Instructions: - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: My friend John had an argument with his son one morning just before the boy left for school. It was a silly argument over a trivial matter, but the boy left before the issue could be resolved. His mother was waiting to drive him to school, and if he took any longer, she would be late for work. Thirty minutes later the phone call came. On the way to school a truck skidded through an intersection and hit his family's car. His wife and his son were both killed. The argument still plays in John's mind, and he still remembers the terrible feeling that hit him when the police officer's call came.

Job was a good and godly man who suffered incredible loss and tragedy, all to settle a contest between God and Satan! We can hardly believe what we read because we aren't sure we could respond to such loss in the same way. Read Job 1.

Discussion Questions

1. What situation have you experienced or heard about recently that produced unexplained suffering or pain? What questions did you want to ask God?
2. How do you usually respond to natural or human disaster? Who or what do you hold responsible for such events?
3. Why is it significant that God initiates Job's testing by bringing up Job's name first?

4. How does Satan think Job will respond to God's testing, and why does he think Job will respond that way (vs. 9-11)?
5. God puts clear limitations on Satan toward Job (verse 12). What does that tell you about Satan's power in your life? On what conditions would that happen?
6. Describe Satan's actions against Job in verses 13-19. What does that tell you about what Satan is like?
7. God doesn't explain to Job why he is going through a time of testing. What insight does that give you about times of trial and difficulty in your own life?
8. How would you describe Job's response to this series of disasters? What would you think made him to respond in such manner?
9. If no evil or disaster can happen without God's permission, what does that make you wonder about God's nature?
10. How can we hear what God is saying during our suffering? What should we be listening or looking for?
11. What was your response the last time your trust in God was seriously tested, did you muddle through, flunk, or pass the test successfully? Explain.
12. How can you be a blessing or comfort to a person dealing with a disaster in his or her own life? What are some things that you should and should not say? What are those things you might do to help bring comfort to that person?