

# Discussion Guide

*Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).*

## Opening Activity:

Quick round: Name one change you enjoy and one change you resist. No repeats if you can help it. What makes some changes exciting and others unsettling?

## Read:

Job 1:13-22

Job 2:1-13

Malachi 3:6

## Discussion Questions:

1. Read Job 1:20-22. What does Job do after receiving devastating news? How does his response show that worship and grief can exist together?
2. Job worshiped because his pain had not changed who God was. Tell about a time you carried both faith and grief. What helped you keep turning toward God?
3. What makes honest lament an act of faith rather than a failure of faith? How can we bring God our anger and questions without pretending?
4. Read Job 2:9-10. What does Job's question expose about our expectation that following God should protect us from pain? Which expectation is hardest for you to release?
5. Job had no explanation from God, but he had a conviction about God. Which truth about God's character do you most need before the next crisis?
6. Read Malachi 3:6. God's unchanging character keeps His covenant promises. What does that give you to hold onto when life feels unstable?
7. Job's wife had also lost her children and security. How does recognizing her grief change the way you hear her words and respond to people in despair?
8. Read Job 2:11-13. What did Job's friends get right before they began explaining? When has someone's quiet presence helped you carry pain?
9. Name a Christian cliché that can hurt someone who is suffering. As a group, rewrite it into a response that is both biblically true and genuinely caring.
10. What is changing in your life right now? Which truth about God's character can anchor you, and how can this group support you this week?

## Challenge for the Week:

Choose one Scripture about God's character for your current season. Read it each day and share it with someone in the group. Before the week ends, sit with someone facing change and simply listen.