

Discussion Guide

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

Opening Activity:

Silence experiment: Sit together in silence for 20 seconds. Then share: What did you notice—peace, discomfort, impatience, or something else?

Read:

Job 23:1-12

Job 30:20-23

Psalms 13:1-6

1 Peter 1:6-7

Matthew 27:45-46

Matthew 28:5-7

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Job 23:1-9. Which words reveal Job's anger, grief, longing, or faith? What most connects with you?
2. When God seems silent, do you demand answers, search harder, distract yourself, withdraw, or keep talking to Him? Why?
3. Job says, "I cannot find Him," then, "He knows where I am going." How do these statements show that God's silence does not mean His absence? Which is harder to trust?
4. Compare Job 30:20-23 with Psalm 13:1-6. Both are honest, but feelings are not always final truth about God. How does Psalm 13 move from pain toward trust?
5. Quiet reflection (one minute): Complete these sentences: "God, I do not understand..." and "But I know..." Then share your honest reflection if you are willing.
6. The sermon described a "graveyard" between Job 23:9 and 10. What false conclusion might silence tempt you to believe? What truth can carry you forward?
7. Read Job 23:11-12. As a group, name practical ways to stay on God's path and treasure His Word while waiting. Which do you need?
8. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. Trials can reveal genuine faith; that does not make pain good or mean all suffering is punishment. What can faith look like while we still grieve or question?
9. AI, people, and quick explanations offer instant answers. Where do you turn when uncertainty is uncomfortable? When can answers begin replacing trust in God?
10. Read Matthew 27:45-46 and 28:5-7. How do the cross and resurrection show God may be working when heaven seems silent?

Challenge for the Week:

Choose one unanswered question. Each day, read Job 23:10-12, tell God what hurts, name one truth He has already spoken, and take one step of obedience. Share your plan and ask someone to check in.