

Personal Reflection & Group Discussion Guide

- 1. The theme of the sermon this week is, "Choosing Faith". When you hear that phrase, what comes to mind for you?
- 2. The big picture of Job is that there was a man who was, in one sense, blameless in God's sight. He was leading a basically upright life and Satan challenges God that his man is not as good as he thinks he is. God gives Satan permission to attack Job, and he does so first through his family and possessions, and then through sickness. What does this tell you about God and His awareness of what happens in our lives?
- 3. In this first chapter of Job, four major catastrophes occurred one after another. What was Job's reaction? What do you think of his reaction?
- 4. Choosing faith happens on three fronts:
  - Choosing to trust God in all the circumstances in life.
    What evidence in your life do you have that God is trustworthy?
  - Choosing faith because we know God well. What has God done in your life that has allowed you to know Him well?
  - Choosing faith because we know who God is. Who is God to you? What has happened that has caused Him to come to mean this to you?
- 5. We are living in a time where anxiety, suffering, and overwhelm seems to be at an all-time high. When we examine Job's life and reaction, how can you choose to trust God in times of suffering? How has God brought you peace?

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## Main Idea

Trusting God in the face of suffering isn't going to eliminate the suffering and it isn't going to stop our questions.

It can, however, help us press into God, our greatest help, give us the possibility of finding strength to go on, and give us peace.

## Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud: Job 1 Romans 1:7

## **Your Faith in Action**

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon:
Tue:
Wed:
Thu:
Fri:
Sat:
Sun:

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.

