

# Small Group Study Guide

Surprising Answers from God

Series: Questions Jesus Asks Us

Job 29-42

From Sunday May 30, 2021

**Take a moment to pray for the Lord to still your mind, as well as direct your thoughts, conversation and response to the study.**

## Appetizer:

**Question:** What kind of questions do you have for God, if you were able to see him face to face?

## Main Course:

**Have someone read Job 30:20**

**Question:** Have you ever felt that God hasn't answered you? How has that made you feel? How do we hear from God?

**Have someone read Job 38:2**

**Question:** If Job had done nothing wrong, why was God apparently upset with him?

**Question:** What do our questions for God reveal about ourselves?

**Discussion:** In our society we often have many questions for God. Whether we are a person of faith or someone challenging the Christian faith, we tend to ask questions in order to give us some sense of understanding or control.

These questions are helpful for our apologetics: understanding the roots of our faith and what we believe.

However, one of the best ways to grow in our faith is to take more time to wrestle with the questions God asks us.

**The main point of the sermon is this: We would rather dissect God than have God dissect us. Take a moment to reflect on this phrase. Is it true? Why?**

Jeff suggested that God is in the business of relationships and relationships, good relationships,

by nature, challenge us and form us. The road has to go both ways.

It is important to reflect on the questions God has for us because:

1. God's Questions are humbling to us.

**Discussion:** Take a moment to think about a time when someone asked you a question—a child, a co-worker, a spouse—that humbled you, that alerted you to a bad habit you were practicing, or made you think more deeply of your actions. If you are comfortable, share this with the group.

**Question:** Why do you think it is important for us to be humbled in our Christian walk?

2. God's questions are not to humiliate us but to instruct us.

**Discussion:** We have often heard that a good question can change the world. What are some of the best teaching questions you have heard that you still think about today?

**Question:** In what ways does a question teach us?

## Dessert:

The first question of the series for us is this: Are you willing to have Jesus investigate your life? This is not a trite question. It means you are allowing Jesus to convict you and challenge you and humble you.

Take time this week to reflect on this. Write down the question somewhere and take each day to reflect on it. Add a few probing questions that go along with a question like this like:

-What barriers get in the way of allowing Jesus to investigate your life?

-What are you afraid of when it comes to allowing Jesus to investigate your life?

-What do you hope will happen when you allow Jesus to investigate your life?

At some point in the week, you need to answer the question, and not just dwell on it. When you do answer it, take time to answer it in a prayer to God. Share your answer with others so that they can pray for you and encourage you.