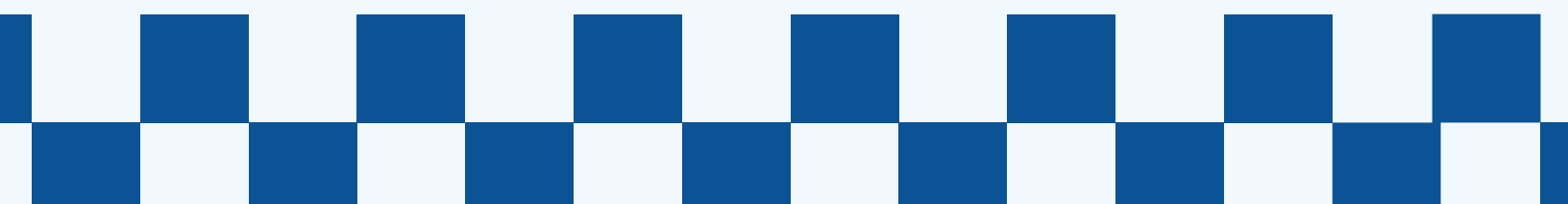


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**EVERYTHING'S FALLING
APART, BUT I'M NOT!**
DISCUSSION GUIDE



MAIN IDEA

Even when multiple areas of life feel like they're falling apart, we can remain grounded by trusting in God. Through Job's story, it's evident that suffering doesn't mean God is absent, and faith can remain strong even in loss and confusion. It emphasizes the importance of being honest about struggles, choosing godly influences, and seeking spiritual understanding rather than only logical explanations. Listening to God requires both hearing His Word and putting it into action. Ultimately, a life built on trusting and surrendering to God creates a firm foundation that can withstand any challenge.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

Job Chapters 1-3 (Introduction to Job, his suffering and pain)

Job lost his possessions, loved ones and health.

How can I stay grounded, when everything is falling apart?

1. Being Honest Matters (Job 3)

If you're not honest about what you feel, you'll be dominated by it.

2. Your Friends Matter (Job 2:11 & Job 33)

Your friends are like elevators: They will either take you really high up or really down low.

Find Godly friends instead of Good friends.

3. Listening to God Matters (James 1:22-25)

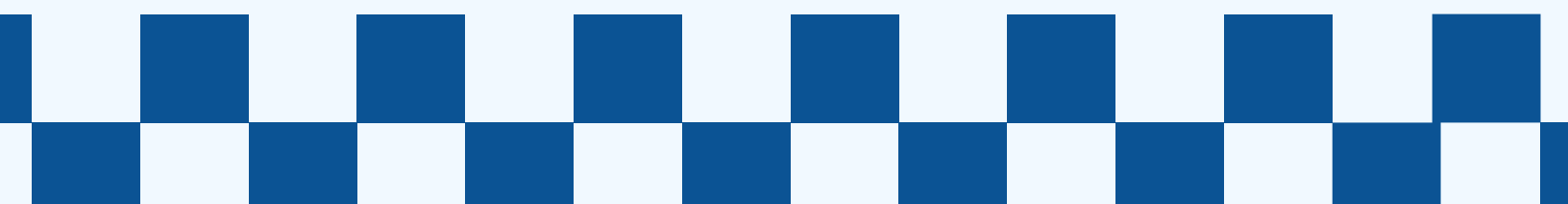
Listening to God involves both hearing and doing.

4. Surrendering & Trusting God, is Everything (Job 42)

Stop looking for logical answers to your spiritual problems.

If you build your life on the right foundation, you'll overcome any storm.

(Matthew 7:24-25)



GOD DESIRES HONESTY, NOT PERFECTION

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MAIN IDEA

Job 3:1–11 shows that even a faithful man like Job was honest before God about his deep pain, expressing his pain without pretending everything was okay. This teaches that God invites us to be real with Him in our difficult situations, rather than hiding our emotions or struggles. Biblical honesty opens the door for healing because God draws near to the brokenhearted. Honesty leads to freedom and transformation, as confessing what is truly going on in our hearts allows God to work deeply within us (1 John 1:9). Instead of trying to be perfect and pretend all is well, God is inviting you into a true restoration, deeper trust in God, and a more authentic faith that is not controlled by hidden sin and wounds, but is restored through honesty.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

Job 3:1-11 (Job Being Honest Before God)

Psalm 51:6 (NLT) 6 But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

Honesty draws us near to God, Perfection pushes us away from God.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (1)

1. What stood out from today's teaching?
2. Why is it important to accept that God wants our "honesty" more than our "perfection"?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

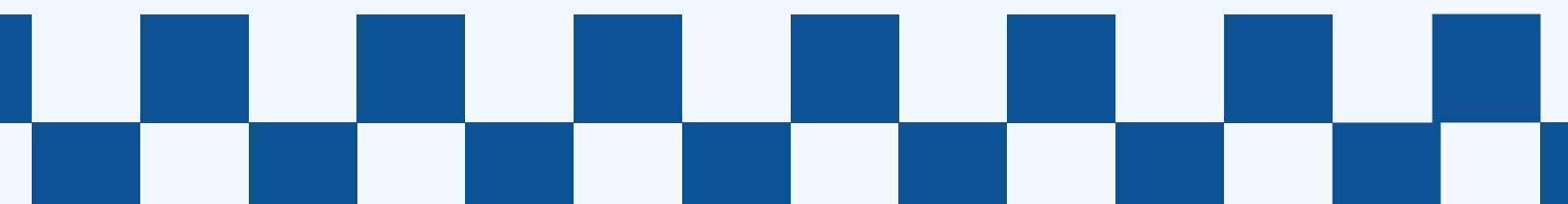
1. Read Psalm 32:1-7 & then James 5:16.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (2)

1. What is something that you've been silent about, that has been affecting you?

LEADERS: *Regarding the question above, this is where they're encouraged to be "honest" over "perfect" regarding any sin, wounds, feelings, that they've yet to express out loud.*

2. Finish off by having students pick one verse and pray God's Word over themselves.
Click [HERE](#).



MAIN IDEA

Job's friends showed up with good intentions, wanting to comfort him after all his suffering, but their advice slowly became harmful. Instead of trusting God, they tried to explain Job's pain with human logic, assuming he must have done something wrong. As Job kept defending himself, he began to be influenced by their thinking, showing how the people around us can shape what we believe. Their mistake wasn't that they were bad friends, but that they lacked a deep trust in God and tried to solve a spiritual situation with human reasoning. Elihu then steps in with a different perspective, reminding Job that God is greater, still speaks, and uses situations to draw people back to Him—showing the importance of surrounding yourself with friends who point you toward God, not away from Him.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

Find Godly friends instead of Good friends.

Your friends are like elevators: they will either take you really high up or really down low.

Proverbs 12:26 (NLT) The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray.

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:6 (NLT) Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. "Friends are like elevators"—how have your friends "brought you down" real low? How did it affect you?
2. Have students do the "Who are your Friends" Evaluation. Click [HERE](#). Discuss afterwards.
3. How can "good" friends still lead you in the wrong direction spiritually?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Read Proverbs 12:26, Proverbs 27:6 and Proverbs 27:17. Which speaks to me the most, why?
2. What's one thing God has shown me today regarding my friends?

*****Finish off by briefly discussing the last reflection question as a group.**



MAIN IDEA

In the midst of all the craziness and chaos, Job was surrounded by noise, from the world, from the enemy, from others. However he realized the most important thing, Listening to God Matters! God is always speaking to us, when he speaks he gives us answers, and he reminds us of the truth. The question is: are we listening to what he says, obeying what he tells us, and reminding ourselves of his sovereignty and holiness? In Chapter 38 of Job we see God speak to Job, however his response was not what he might have expected. If Job was just hearing in passing he would have missed what God was speaking, but instead Job was listening, attentively, and with a humble posture. Let us learn from this and apply this whenever everything around us feels like it's falling apart.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

John 10:27 (NIV) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Psalm 85:8 (NLT) I listen carefully to what God the LORD is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it look like to listen to God?
2. Why is it important for us to listen to God?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

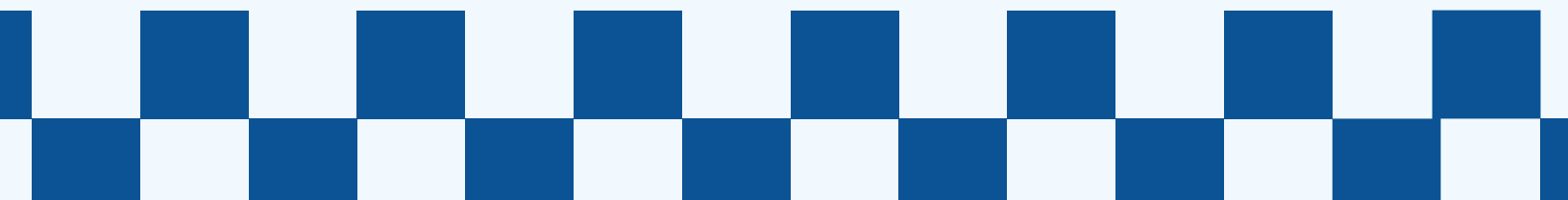
Read John 10:27 individually, tell students to pray this verse over themselves.

1. Have I been listening to and obeying the voice of God lately?
2. What is God speaking to me right now?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (2)

1. How can you commit this week to listen to God's voice more intentionally?

***** Leaders take a moment to write down how they are committing, be intentional of praying for them in this and following up/ keeping them accountable!**



MAIN IDEA

Job finally recognizes that God is all-powerful and that he had been speaking about things he didn't fully understand. In humility, he repents and surrenders, moving from just hearing about God to truly experiencing Him. This moment shows that trusting God isn't about having all the answers, but about believing He is in control no matter what. After Job surrenders, God restores and blesses his life, showing His faithfulness even after seasons of suffering. Just like Jesus teaches, when you build your life on the right foundation—trusting and obeying God—you can stand strong through any storm.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

If you build your life on the right foundation, you'll be able to overcome any storm.

Job 42:5-6 (NIV) 5 My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. 6 Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV) 24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it hard to trust God when you don't understand what's happening?
2. What's an area/situation in your life that has been hard to trust God in? What does it look like, trusting God in a daily way?
3. Take a moment as a group, to listen to the following song. Send students the lyrics found [HERE](#).

[Cody Carnes – Firm Foundation \(He Won't\) \(Official Lyric Video\)](#) *****MS GROUPS, Listen to half the song to save time.**

4. Have each student finish the group by praying (30 seconds) over them surrendering and trusting in God regarding what they're going through.

5. Why is it dangerous to try to solve spiritual problems using only logic or human understanding?

