

Small Group Discussion Questions
Epic Journey #8 Job - When it Just Doesn't Make Sense

1) As we read the story of Job we realize there are quite a lot of complex things going on here. There is a lot beneath the surface of this story. One thing that is for certain however is the fact that Job, as a man doesn't grasp the magnitude of the situation he is involved in.

a) Can you identify with the Job that we are introduced to at the beginning of the story? Has there been a season of your life in which you felt that you honored God with your life and God was simultaneously blessing you?

b) Can you identify with the Job that we see in the middle of the story? Has there been a season of your life where you expected one thing from God and got another?

c) Can you see any danger in men and women placing expectations on God based on their own actions?

d) Why do you think, as humans, we are naturally inclined to expect God to give to each one of us based on what we do?

e) What kind of a God does it seem we naturally want to create for ourselves?

f) If God were this way and gave immediately to each person based on their actions would this give us control over God? Do you think control is one of the reasons why we would like God to be this way at times?

2) At the end of the book of Job we see God's response to Job and his friends. God questions Job 84 times with questions that no man could answer.

a) What do you think God is trying to get across to Job through this line of questioning?

b) Can you think of one time in scripture when God gave men something they could never earn? Does this make you thankful that God is not manipulated by men?