

Small Group Guide

Job 23

From the sermon - What is Your Job Now? Part VII



My foot has held fast to his steps;
I have kept his way and have not turned aside.
I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;
I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.
But he is unchangeable, and who can turn him back?
What he desires, that he does.
For he will complete what he appoints for me,
and many such things are in his mind.
Therefore I am terrified at his presence;
when I consider, I am in dread of him.

Job 23:10-15

Discuss

1. Why is God silent in the times it seems we need Him most?
2. Put yourself in Job's shoes. How hard is it to trust in God when it seems you can't find Him?
3. Why is it so easy to slip into "God doesn't care for me" when He doesn't seem to be present?
4. What hardships have you experienced in your life that in the end you came out a better person?
5. Proverbs 17:3 "The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the Lord tests hearts." How is this verse a picture of how God tests us during times of hardship?
6. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. How we deal with suffering says a lot about our faith? How can we keep the right perspective and not lose focus on God, even when He seems absent? (Refer to Job 23:10-15)
7. The theme of this series is "What is Your Job Now?" How does having the right vision during your suffering help you stay on course during your time of trouble (to come forth as gold)?

Pray

Pray that God gives you the faith to persevere even in your darkest hours. Pray that you would somehow have the readiness for trials when they come. Pray that you will come out of the fire like gold.

Next small group meets the week of April 15th