

Questions for study and reflection: Job Sermon 1

Warming up

Do you enjoy tragic films, books, songs etc.? What draws you to them?

Do you think that our culture tries to avoid thinking about the difficult things in life?

What struck you most about the sermon from Sunday?

Opening the Bible

Turn to John 9:1-12

Why do you think the disciples wanted to know who had sinned? (v2)

How might Jesus' response (v3) be good news to someone who is suffering?

What sort of other questions does Jesus' response (v3) raise?

What else strikes you about this passage?

Going deeper

'I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted' (Job 42:2). Do you find the thought of God being utterly sovereign over heaven and earth a comforting one? Or does it simply raise more questions than it answers?

Applying to our lives

How do you feel about the idea of reading Job for yourself over the next few weeks? Is there any step you can take today to help make sure you manage?

Have you ever gone through a time of suffering that has made you re-think what you believe about life? How did it change you?

