

Questions for study and reflection- Job sermon 6

Warming up

What sort of things make you say 'it's not fair'? (you may find it helpful to think back to childhood!)

What struck you most about the sermon from Sunday?

Opening the Bible

Turn to Hebrews 12:4-14

Why does God particularly discipline Christians? (see vs 6 and 7)

Do people now have different attitudes about parental discipline than they might have done at the time Hebrews was written (verse 9) How does this affect our attitude toward difficulties we may face?

What sort of disciplines (see vs 11) might we voluntarily enter into in order to receive more of God's grace?

Going Deeper

'When the president does it, it's not illegal' (Richard Nixon). Does Elihu suggest that God is free to be unjust?

Is it possible to live a Christian life without suffering? (see also Matthew 16:24-26)

Applying to our lives

Can you think of any times that God used suffering in your own life to increase your love and knowledge of him?

How can you avoid wasting the suffering and pain that comes your way?