

LIFE IS HARD; GOD IS GOOD

CENTRAL TRUTH

As we learn about Job's life and suffering this week, we will be reminded that the Lord is sovereign and worthy of our trust. **Though we experience suffering of all kinds in this life, God is in control of all things.**

Note: This session's Leader Guide was printed without a **Question 6**. We apologize for the error and have included the missing question here:

- ↓ **When have you been tempted to distrust the Lord during a difficult circumstance? How can we remind ourselves of His character?**

KEY QUESTION

- ↑ **How is God's sovereign power displayed in verse 12?**

The Lord permits Satan to strike all that Job has but not Job himself. It's important to notice that while Satan has power, it is a limited power. God is the sovereign orchestrator who draws the line and allows Job to be tested but not destroyed.

KEEP IN MIND

- ▮ The book of Job explores human suffering. As you work through this session, keep in mind that many of the students in your small group may be going through difficult experiences. If time allows, take time to pray for needs as they arise. Find appropriate ways to follow up if appropriate.
- ▮ Job's suffering is explored through his own laments and through his discussion with his friends . . . and these friends prove to be less than helpful. The friendships we keep are valuable—it's important to have good friends during difficult times. Invite students to reflect on the friends they surround themselves with and allow to speak into their lives.

APPLICATION

- **How can we show that we have genuine trust in the Lord, no matter what we're going through?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Help students to learn that we don't have to allow the suffering we experience to lead us to despair. Whatever we experience, we can trust that the Lord is in control of all things.

FOR THE LEADER: Leaders, show students that they can bring their hurt and pain to the Lord. Though we can be tempted to distrust the Lord's character, we must remember the Lord's goodness and sovereignty over all things.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?