



“The Folly in the Fellowship”

Job 22:1-26:14 - October 25, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. When have you been in the presence of the profound suffering of another person? Were you in a position to help? What did you do? What did it do to you?

QUICK REVIEW

Job 22-26 contains the 3rd round of dialogue between Job and his friends. This time, only Eliphaz and Bildad speak. Bildad’s speech is short and Zophar has no final word. They continue to terribly misapply the theology of divine retribution to Job, a godly man (Job 1:1, 8; 2:3).

This Sunday’s message considered several of the most notorious moments of Job’s friends. These portions of Scripture provide examples of how *not* to comfort others in their pain.

Job 8:1-7

Job 11:1-6, 12-20

Job 20:1-8

Job 22:5-11

Job 25:1-6

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Job's friends chose to respond to his suffering with *lots* of talking. Reflect on Job 13:4-6. What did Job desire of them? How can we perform this ministry of listening well? When have you experienced a good example of this?
2. Reflect carefully on Colossians 3:12-14. Identify each of the character qualities spoken of. How might each quality be used to bring support and healing to a brother or sister in Christ in their heartache?
3. Throughout the book of Job, we find this man of God filled with vexation. In fact, most of Job's language in the guts of the book is brash toward God. Job's friends felt the need to respond in turn, correcting and rebuking Job each time. Is that necessary? Is it ok to "let some things slide" when a Christian is venting their anguish? How might these words from Peter to the suffering church speak in to this?

I Peter 4:7-11 (esp. v.8)

4. One the many challenges in studying Job is that we find doctrinal truth misapplied or spoken in an untimely way. Bildad's final words may not have been spoken at the right time or in the right way, but they pose vital questions. How would you answer someone who asked the questions in Job 25:4? How do these passages help with each question?

Romans 3:21-26

I John 1:5-10