

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Job 11**

We resume our journey this week with commentary from Job's third friend, Zophar. As we read this keep in mind that Zophar has listened to all that has been said thus far and his response to Job reflects that. What is Zophar's response to what Job has said (vss. 1-12)? What are Zophar's basic assumptions about Job and about God? Now read verses 13-20. What is Zophar's recommendation to make things better? Is this similar to or different than Eliphaz and Bildad's recommendations? Consider the tone of the words used. Is Zophar angry? Worried? Frustrated? Concerned? Is Zophar's advice incorrect in all situations? Have you ever thought similar things about someone else, who seems to be in hopeless trouble? How might Zophar have been a better comfort to Job? How might we practice being better at comfort?

### **Tuesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Job 12**

Now we turn to Job's response to Zophar and the others as well. What is the accusation Job makes to them (vss. 1-12)? Do you sense his frustration with his friends? What phrases indicate his frustration? What bold statement does Job make in verse 9? Verses 10-12 agrees with what his friends have said. But what shift does Job make regarding facts about God (vss. 13-25)? Have you ever thought about God like this? Are these statements true? If not, why not? What does this reveal to us about who God is? What does this reveal to us about who we are? Do you see the confusion in our thinking when we forget who God is and the authority and power that God has? Spend some time meditating on the description Job gives of God. Does anyone control God? What verses give you peace and comfort? What descriptions make you pause in awe and fear of who God really is? Pray to God asking for wisdom to reflect honestly with yourself.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Job 13:1-19**

We continue with Job's response to Zophar. In verses 1-2 we have the conclusion to yesterday's argument with words similar to how Job began his argument. These beginning and end statements form what is called bookends to the argument. Beginning in verse 3, Job's focus shifts from a focus on God's power and might to his friends. In verses 3-4, who has Job decided to look to for comfort (vs. 3) and why (vs. 4)? What does Job ask for in verse 5? Have you ever heard the term "kiss-up?" As we move forward we see how Job accuses his friends of being kiss-ups to God. What questions does he ask that support this viewpoint (vss. 6-12)? As you read verses 13-18, what decision has Job made? Why does he land here? How does this tie into Job 1:8? What promise does Job make to his friends should he be proven wrong (vs. 19)? Have you ever felt like Job? You know you did nothing wrong and yet terrible things are happening. How do you respond? What are your arguments? Do you agree with Job's description of God in verse 15? What does that verse reveal to us about God? Spend time as you go through your day noticing how much of your life is lived as though you were in complete control. What decisions did you make absent of God? How does this behavior line up with verse 15? Consider what this exercise reveals about you. Spend time in prayer asking God to convict your heart to look to him.

### **Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Job 13:20-28**

We continue with Job's speech. Today is the first half of Job's plea to God. We read how Job would take his case to God, even if God will kill him. But Job is very practical. He knows God's power. As he turns to God, how does he begin the conversation (vs. 20)? What are the two things he asks of God (vs. 21)? Why do you think Job asks those two things first? Verse 22 offers God an option on how they can proceed. What are the options? Then Job begins his opening remarks to God with a series of questions. What does this reveal to us about Job's feelings, concerns and attitude towards God? What does this reveal about God in the fact that Job can do this? In verses 26-28, Job expresses the situation as he seems to experience it. How is Job feeling in these verses? Does he sound hopeless? Frustrated? Disappointed? We haven't talked much about Jesus this week, but consider how Jesus must have felt as he was being whipped and spit on. Or as they nailed him to the cross. How do Job's and Jesus' stories connect? When have you felt this desperate? Is it a comfort to know your Lord has suffered like you, or even worse than you? What can be different next time you face a bout of suffering? How can turning to Jesus and the book of Job bring you comfort and strength to endure? Spend some time in prayer today thanking Christ for his sacrifice through suffering for you. Remember to ask for strength to endure suffering for his sake.

### **Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Job 14**

Today we will finish Job's speech directed to God. It begins with a lament in verses 1-6. As you read verse 1, notice that the lament is not just about Job. Who else is it about now? What is Job's request of God at the end of the lament? Verse 7-12 are a compare-and-contrast. What is Job contrasting? Which is the good side? Which is the not-so-good side? This thought of trees and new sprouts leads Job to a more hopeful state in verses 13-17. What does Job wish for or hope for? How does it feel to know that is the life we have, because of Christ's life, suffering, death and resurrection? Was Job's hope in vain? Do you see where Job's hope points to Jesus? How can verse 14 be a text that we bury in our hearts, because we have this hope? We know it to be a reality, not just a hope, because Jesus was raised from the dead. But from Job's place in all of creation's timeline, what does Job actually see (vss. 18-22)? Give me hope and I can endure all things! But with no hope this is what life is like. When you suffer, are you living from a view of hope or from a view of despair? Is the hope strictly to avoid death and suffering at all costs? Or can suffering and facing our deaths be a firm witness to our hope and faith in the God who provided for our resurrection from the dead? Being Easter people, what does this text reveal about God? About Jesus? And what does it reveal about you and how you are living? Is hope eternal your calling card to a world which is living in hopelessness? Pray asking God to use you to share this hope both in and out of suffering.

### **Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read Job 19:22-29.**