

Small Group Questions

Sermon Based Small Groups – January 8, 2012

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church
Woodbury, Minnesota
Sermon Title: Alone

Notes:

Pray: Each week, we want to take time to lift up one another's prayer concerns. True Christians pray for one another. Take some time at the beginning of your small group time to pray for each other. Be real with each other. If you are hurting, take the risk and share how you are feeling with the group. If you have something that God has blessed you with this week, share it. Give Him the glory for what He is doing in your life. Record the prayer requests in the "Notes" section on the right of this page, and make a commitment to pray for the needs of the people in your group throughout the week.

Opening Questions: Pastor Brian opened his sermon talking about feeling alone. What is the most alone you've ever been or ever felt in your life?

Read and Discuss: The book of Job shares the incredible story of a godly man whose entire world was turned upside down. As a group read Job 1:1-2:10. Take turns reading portions of the passage. At the end of the reading answer these questions:

1. What was Job's life like before everything was taken away?
2. Why do you think God would allow Satan to strike Job with such vengeance?
3. Job isn't the only person to lose everything. Who are some "modern day Jobs" in the world today? (Maybe not people characterized as being the most righteous person on the face of the planet, but people who have lost everything.)
4. How do you think you would respond if you were in a similar situation?
5. What does Job 2:9-10 teach us about Job's character?

The Challenge
Alone – Job 18-19

Adult Education – Woodbury Community Church

Read and Discuss: Read the following passages concerning pain and suffering. What do these passages teach us about the role that pain and suffering has in the life of the believer?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

James 1:2-4

Proverbs 27:6

God would eventually respond to Job's pain. In his message this week, Pastor Brian encouraged everyone in the congregation to read Job 38-41, where God speaks to Job. Now, read Job 42:1-6. What does Job response teach us about how to respond to pain and suffering?

Read and Discuss: Read 1 Corinthians 15:19-22 and Revelation 21:1-8. What do these two passages teach us about the hope that we have in Jesus Christ?

Prayer: As you close in prayer think about those who are going through trials and tribulations in their life today. Maybe there are some in your small group who could use special prayer this week. Don't be like Job's friends, instead surround those in your group who need prayer with a loving group of friends who will lift up the needs of that person to the Lord. There is nothing like a group of friend praying for you to lift you up when you are down. Perhaps you can lay hands on the person/people in your group who are requesting prayer and take their needs to the Lord together. If there is no such request in your group this week, pray for those in our congregation and around the world who are going through great difficulty right now. And, thank God for the hope that comes from Him of the day that there will be no more pain and no more suffering.