

Sitting with Job & Reflecting on Uncontrollable, Inexplicable Events in Life

Tuesday nights at 6 pm in person at Three Steeples UMC or on Zoom starting Sept. 29, 2026

Nothing demands our attention like sudden, uncontrollable, and inexplicable events in life. Happy and exciting events are often enjoyed without seeking deeper meaning behind them. When personal, tragic or painful events happen, just as Job and his friends did, we tend to drop everything else and begin looking for meaning behind the events.

While readers of the book of Job are prone to look for answers to the question, "Why do the innocent suffer?," the more significant focus must be "How do the faithful relate to the Lord in the process of suffering?" Towards that end, one of the key functions of the book of Job is providing a manual for theological reflection on uncontrollable, inexplicable events in life. This book provides us excellent examples of what to avoid and what to focus on in our own moments of suffering, as well as in our ministerial role as comforters to sufferers.

The purpose of this study is to highlight some key features in the book of Job, as intended by the divinely inspired author of the book, which help explain its value as a manual for theological reflection. After going through the entire book to identify the key reflection points, our study will conclude with general observations on how to engage this manual to enhance our own walk with the Lord. This study will take place over 10 weekly sessions.

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Join us for a new 10-week study, "Sitting with Job," as we explore how to navigate life's sudden and painful challenges. Instead of simply asking why the innocent suffer, this series focuses on how to maintain a faithful relationship with God during difficult times. Using the book of Job, we will discover practical examples of how to process our own grief and how to truly comfort others in their time of need. Together, we will find valuable reflection points to strengthen our daily walk with the Lord.

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