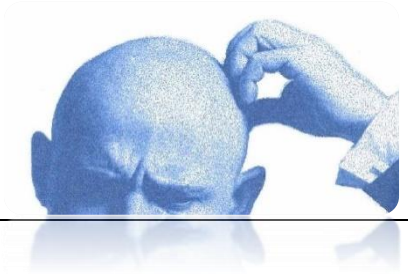
Living with Questions

Small Group Questions



The following questions are intended to start conversations.
Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.

Our preaching series this fall is on Wisdom. Questions will be provided each week to help you think about themes BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.

- Read **Job 38:1-41**. What stands out for you?

- When God finally speaks to Job, he doesn't explain why Job has suffered. Instead, he asks Job a series of questions about creation, nature, and the mysteries of the universe. Why do you think God responds this way rather than offering an explanation? Does God's response satisfy you?

- What does this reveal about the limitations of human wisdom and perspective?

- Read **Job 11:7-9**. How can we know God yet remain open to his mysteries?

- In chapters 40–41, God describes powerful, untameable creatures that humans cannot control. What might these creatures communicate about the presence of chaos, danger, and forces beyond human control in God's creation? How does this imagery challenge our desire for a world that is predictable, safe, and manageable?

- God never directly addresses Job's accusations or explains his circumstances. Does this mean that Job should abandon his pursuit of justice? How do we hold together our belief in God's goodness with the reality that innocent people suffer?

- Read **Job 42:2-6**. What has changed in Job? Has he received an answer to his questions, or has he experienced something more significant?

- Ellen Davis writes, “The two portraits of Father Job that stand at either end of the book mark the true measure of his transformation. Job, this man of integrity who was once so careful, fearful of God and of the *possible* sins of his children (see 1:4-5), becomes at the last free-wheeling, breaking with custom to honor daughters alongside sons, bestowing inheritances and snappy names (see 42:13-15).” What is significant about this?

- The book of Job is considered wisdom literature. If you could distill the wisdom of Job in one or two sentences, what would it be?