

DISCUSSION GUIDE
SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

FINDING

Hope

IN TRAGEDY

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Finding Hope in Tragedy

JOB 1

Opening Questions

1. Describe a tragic event in your life and how you responded? Would you respond differently today?
2. During a difficult time, or tragedy, what or who has been the most help to you? Why?
3. After Pastor Carter's message, what questions would you like to ask Job or God?

In the Word

Note: This week it may be helpful to read a basic introduction to the book of Job. One can be found online:

www.biblica.com/resources/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/intro-to-job/

1. Read [Job 1, 2, and 42](#). Also, scan through the [42 chapters of Job](#) as a refresher on the entire book.
2. Discuss Pastor Carter's main points and how they are lived out in the book of Job:
 - a. Bad things are going to happen to good people.
 - b. Nothing will touch you that God does not allow.
 - c. Worship (trust/surrender) is a key to persevering.
 - d. Relationships are critical to carrying the load.
3. What is the most surprising thing to you about Job, the person or Book?
4. Are there unanswered questions that remain for you regarding Job or the book?
5. How can Job's faith in God be informed and realistic but still unshakeable?
6. How do you think Job was able to continue trusting in God through all the tragedy and crises?

Making It Personal

1. What do you struggle with most when something bad or unfair happens?
2. Are there circumstances you currently find yourself in that require you to trust God more and surrender fully to Him even if you don't want to? What specific steps will you take?
3. With whom do you need to be more open in order to allow others to help carry your load? How can you reach out to others and help carry their load? What specific steps will you take?
4. Spend time in prayer as a group praying for those suffering nationally, locally, part of Pathway, or part of your Home Team. How can you specifically reach out to others?

Continued Learning

1. Name some other people in the Bible that suffered unfairly. What can we learn from their examples and experiences?

Additional Notes