

## 2026-02-25 Discussion Questions

How does Elihu's approach to confronting Job differ from the three friends who spoke before him, and what does this teach us about the timing and manner of speaking truth to others?

The sermon emphasizes that Job was 'justifying himself rather than God.' In what ways do we subtly justify ourselves in our relationship with God, and how can we shift our focus back to glorifying Him?

Elihu waited to speak because he was younger and wanted to show respect to his elders. How do we balance showing proper respect for age and experience while still speaking up when God prompts us to share truth?

The pastor mentions that God speaks to us in many different ways—through dreams, warnings, Scripture, and promptings. When was the last time you clearly recognized God speaking to you, and how did you respond?

According to the sermon, confrontation should be done 'without emotion and anger' but with love and respect. Why is it so difficult to separate our emotions from necessary confrontations, and how can we better prepare ourselves spiritually for these moments?

The passage states that God 'does not show partiality to princes and does not favor the rich over the poor.' How does this challenge our cultural tendency to seek relationships with those who can benefit us rather than befriending the poor?

The sermon warns against the trap of saying 'I'm guilty, but will offend no more' without true repentance. What is the difference between merely acknowledging sin and genuinely repenting before God?

Elihu says that sometimes God uses suffering and pain to turn people from wrongdoing and keep them from pride. How have you seen God use difficult circumstances in your own life to redirect you toward His will?

The pastor references Matthew 18 and the importance of going directly to someone who has offended us rather than talking to others first. Why do we find it easier to talk about people rather than to them, and what would change in our church communities if we followed this biblical pattern?

In 2 Timothy, Paul instructs Timothy to 'flee the evil desires of youth' and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace. The pastor notes this applies to all ages, not just young people. What 'evil desires' do we continue to battle regardless of our age, and how can we actively pursue godly character instead?