

## 2026-03-18 Small Group Guide

### Small Group Guide: "God Speaks from the Storm"

Based on Job 38 and Colossians 1:15-23

#### Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to help your group hear His voice clearly and to approach His Word with humility and wonder.

#### Ice Breaker (5-10 minutes)

Question: What's something in nature that consistently takes your breath away or makes you think about God? Share a specific memory if you have one.

#### Key Takeaways from the Sermon

Jesus is the Creator - All things were created by Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16-17)

God speaks through our storms - Whether life circumstances, emotional turmoil, or physical trials

We need proper perspective - Like Job, we often speak without full understanding

Creation declares God's glory - The natural world is God's ongoing testimony to His power and wisdom

We are part of God's constellation - Each believer has a unique place in the body of Christ

#### Discussion Questions

#### Understanding the Text (15-20 minutes)

Read Job 38:1-7. What tone do you hear in God's voice as He begins to speak to Job? Is He angry, sarcastic, loving, corrective—or something else?

Read Colossians 1:15-20 together. How does understanding that Jesus is the Creator change the way you read the Old Testament, particularly Job 38?

The pastor mentioned that God speaks "out of the storm." What different

kinds of "storms" might God use to get our attention?

Personal Reflection (20-25 minutes)

The Listening Question: The sermon emphasized learning to recognize God's voice. On a scale of 1-10, how well do you feel you recognize when God is speaking to you? What makes it difficult to hear Him?

The Humility Question: God asked Job, "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?" When have you, like Job, spoken about God's ways without full understanding? How did God correct your perspective?

The Awe Question: When was the last time you were truly in awe of God? What happened, and how did it affect your relationship with Him?

The pastor said, "We keep wanting to see God...but it's seeing him in an undeniable way." What does it mean to "see" God without physical sight? Share an example from your life.

Application and Action (15-20 minutes)

The Creation Challenge: Job 38 lists numerous aspects of creation that point to God's power. Which aspect mentioned in the sermon most impresses you? How can you use creation this week to refocus on God's greatness?

The Constellation Principle: The sermon compared believers to stars in a constellation—each with a unique place and purpose. Do you know your place in the body of Christ? If not, what steps can you take to discover it?

The Storm Response: Think about a current "storm" in your life. Instead of asking "Why?" what if you asked "What are You saying to me, God?" Take a moment of silence and invite God to speak. Share if comfortable.

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge (Choose One or More):

### Option 1: The Stargazing Exercise

Find a place away from city lights this week  
Spend 15-30 minutes looking at the stars  
Use this time to pray and listen for God's voice  
Journal what comes to mind

### Option 2: The Creation Walk

Take a 20-minute walk outside with no phone/distractions  
Notice the details of God's creation  
Thank Him specifically for 10 things you observe  
Ask Him, "What are You showing me about Yourself?"

### Option 3: The Listening Practice

Set aside 10 minutes each day this week  
Sit in silence and ask God, "What do You want to say to me today?"  
Don't rush to fill the silence  
Write down any impressions, scripture verses, or thoughts that come

### Option 4: The Humility Check

Identify one area where you've been acting like you know better than God  
Confess this to God and one trusted person  
Ask God to help you trust His wisdom instead of your own  
Memory Verse

Colossians 1:16-17 "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

### Deeper Study (Optional Homework)

For those who want to go deeper this week:

Read Job 38-41 in its entirety. List the questions God asks Job.

Read Romans 1:18-20. How does creation leave people "without excuse"?

Study John 10:1-18. What does Jesus say about hearing His voice? What are the characteristics of His sheep?

Research one aspect of creation mentioned in Job 38 (lightning, constellations, rain cycle, etc.). How does modern science confirm the complexity God describes?

### Closing Reflection Questions

Before you close in prayer, have each person briefly answer:

What's one thing God said to you tonight through this discussion?

What's one thing you want to do differently this week because of what you've learned?

### Closing Prayer

Have someone close in prayer, specifically asking:

For ears to hear God's voice

For humility to accept His wisdom over our own

For eyes to see His glory in creation

For grace to fulfill our unique role in the body of Christ

For those going through storms to sense God's presence

### Leader Notes

Be prepared for silence. Some of these questions require deep thought.

Don't rush people.

Model vulnerability. Share your own struggles with hearing God's voice or maintaining proper awe of Him.

Watch the time. You may not get through all questions. That's okay. Let the Spirit lead.

Follow up. Check in with group members during the week about their

practical application choices.

Create space for the "unchurched." If you have seekers in your group, help them understand that questioning God isn't wrong—but we must approach Him with humility, recognizing He is the Creator and we are the created.

#### Additional Resources

Book recommendation: "The Knowledge of the Holy" by A.W. Tozer

Song recommendation: "How Great Thou Art" or "Indescribable" by Chris Tomlin

Nature documentary suggestion: Planet Earth series (as a way to see God's creative detail)