

2026-03-25 Small Group Guide

Small Group Guide: Job 39 - Knowing God Through His Creation

Opening Prayer

Begin your time together by inviting God to speak through His Word and help you see Him more clearly as the sovereign, detailed Creator who cares for all He has made.

Ice Breaker

Share about a time when you witnessed something in nature that made you stop and marvel. What did that moment reveal to you about God?

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

God is intimately involved in His creation - He doesn't just set things in motion and walk away; He maintains and sustains every detail of life.

We often take God for granted - Like Job, we can become self-righteous and forget how dependent we are on God for everything.

Judgment is real and coming - God will judge both the righteous and the wicked; we need to live with this reality in mind.

We were created for more - Like the horse designed for battle, we have a purpose beyond just existing comfortably.

God's love is demonstrated through sacrifice - The same God who attends to mountain goats and ostriches loved us enough to send Jesus.

Discussion Questions

Understanding God's Character

Read Job 39:1-4. How does God's attention to the birth of wild animals challenge your view of His involvement in your daily life? What does this

reveal about His character?

The sermon mentioned that "God speaks through creation" (Romans 1). What aspects of nature most clearly reveal God's attributes to you? How often do you stop to notice?

How does recognizing God's meticulous care for creation (like knowing when every mountain goat gives birth) change your perspective on worry and trust?

Examining Our Hearts

The pastor said, "We've gotten so numb to [sin] that we're not alarmed by it." What areas of sin have you become comfortable with or numb to? How can this group help you address that?

Job believed he was righteous and that God was being unfair to him. In what ways do you sometimes believe you deserve better treatment from God than you're receiving?

Read Romans 2:5-11. What does it mean to have a "stubborn and unrepentant heart"? How can we cultivate the opposite—a soft, repentant heart?

Living with Judgment in Mind

The sermon emphasized that judgment is coming for everyone, including believers. How does this reality affect the way you live day-to-day? Should it change anything?

The pastor suggested that having all our sins exposed at judgment might actually help us by eliminating pride and creating genuine humility. How does this perspective challenge typical views of judgment? Does it comfort or concern you?

Read Matthew 5:22 and Romans 13:1-2. How do we balance living under

God's judgment with living in His grace? What does healthy "fear of the Lord" look like practically?

Discovering Our Purpose

The sermon asked: "How much of what I've become is what the false father (the devil) has done to me... versus what God created me for?" How would you answer this question for yourself?

Like the horse created for battle, we were "made for more." What do you think God created you specifically to do? What holds you back from pursuing that purpose with persistence?

Read Romans 2:7. What does "persistence in doing good" look like in your current season of life? Where do you need to persist rather than quit?

Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge

Choose one of the following to practice this week:

Creation Contemplation: Spend 15 minutes each day observing nature (even if it's just looking out a window or at a houseplant). Ask God, "What are You showing me about Yourself through this?" Journal what you discover.

Sin Inventory: Set aside time to ask God to reveal sins you've become numb to or don't even recognize. Write them down, confess them specifically, and receive His forgiveness.

Judgment Preparation: Read through one of the judgment passages from the sermon each day (Exodus 6:6; Psalm 9:7-10; Ecclesiastes 3:17; Matthew 10:15; Romans 2:5-11; Revelation 20:11-15). Journal how each passage should impact your daily choices.

Purpose Pursuit: Identify one way you're settling for less than God created you for. Take one concrete step this week toward the "more" He has for

you—even if it's uncomfortable.

Accountability Partners

Pair up with someone in the group to check in during the week about your chosen application. Share honestly about struggles and victories.

Prayer Focus

Pray for deeper understanding of who God is beyond our assumptions

Pray for soft hearts that are quick to repent and slow to judge others

Pray for boldness to live as God created us to live, not as the world has shaped us

Pray for those facing judgment - that they would come to know Christ before it's too late

Memory Verse

Romans 2:5-6 - "Because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done."

Closing Reflection

The pastor ended by saying we should "not be afraid of our future, but embrace the future with [God]." What would it look like for you to embrace rather than fear what God has ahead for you?

Closing Prayer

Pray together, thanking God for His detailed care, asking for hearts that truly know Him, and committing to live with persistence in doing good for His glory.

For Next Week

Read Job 40-42 in preparation for the conclusion of this sermon series.

Consider: How does Job respond to God's words? How should we respond when God reveals Himself to us?