

## 2026-04-15 Small Group Guide

### Small Group Guide: The Book of Job - Humility Before God

#### Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word, and to help group members apply the lessons from Job's story to their own lives.

#### Icebreaker

Share a time when you thought you had everything figured out, only to realize you were completely wrong. How did that experience humble you?

#### Key Takeaways

**God's Greatness vs. Our Limitations:** God challenged Job by describing His creation (Behemoth and Leviathan) to remind him of the vast difference between Creator and created.

**The Danger of Self-Focus:** "The more you look at and think about how you feel, the worse you feel. The more you look at God, the greater God becomes."

**Humility Leads to Restoration:** Job's turning point came when he humbled himself before God and prayed for his accusers.

**God Accepts Our Prayers:** When we pray with humility and for others (even those who have hurt us), God accepts our prayers.

**Restoration in God's Timing:** God restored Job doubly, but only after Job learned to stop dwelling on his pain and focus on God's sovereignty.

#### Discussion Questions

##### Understanding the Text

Read Job 42:1-6. What specific things did Job finally understand about God

that he didn't grasp before? How did his perspective shift?

Why do you think God used descriptions of powerful creatures (Behemoth and Leviathan) to make His point to Job? What was He trying to communicate?

Read Job 42:7-10. Why do you think God told Job's friends to have Job pray for them? What does this teach us about intercession and forgiveness?

### Personal Reflection

Job said, "My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you." When have you moved from knowing about God to truly knowing God? What caused that shift?

The sermon mentioned that we often focus on our pain rather than on God. What are some practical ways you can redirect your focus when you're going through difficult times?

Read James 4:6-10 and 1 Peter 5:5-7. How do these passages challenge your current attitude toward:

Your circumstances?

People who have hurt you?

Your need for control?

### Application

Job had to pray for friends who had accused him wrongly. Is there someone in your life you need to pray for, even though they've hurt you? How can this group support you in that?

The sermon emphasized that "God doesn't hold grudges." How does this truth affect the way you approach God when you've failed or complained?

What does it look like practically to "humble yourself before the Lord" in your daily life? What would need to change?

## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge

Choose one of the following to practice this week:

#### Option 1: The "But God" Journal

Each day, write down something difficult or frustrating

Then write "But God..." and complete the sentence with a truth about God's character or promises

Share your reflections with the group next week

#### Option 2: Intercessory Prayer List

Make a list of people who have hurt, criticized, or wronged you

Commit to praying for them daily this week

Ask God to bless them and help you see them through His eyes

#### Option 3: Gratitude Reset

Count your blessings literally—write down 50-100 things God has done or provided

When you're tempted to complain, review your list

Add to it throughout the week

#### Group Activity

Humility Exercise: Go around the circle and have each person complete this sentence:

"One area where I need to humble myself before God is..."

Then have the person on their right pray for them about that area

#### Key Scriptures to Memorize

James 4:10 - "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

1 Peter 5:6-7 - "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

### Reflection Questions for the Week

Am I focusing more on my feelings or on God's faithfulness?

Where am I trying to "play God" in my own life or others' lives?

What would change if I truly believed God is working "every single thing" to good?

Who do I need to forgive and pray for this week?

How can I cultivate a heart of awe toward God?

### Closing Prayer Points

Pray for humility to see God as He truly is

Ask God to help group members shift their focus from pain to His presence

Pray for the ability to forgive and intercede for those who have hurt us

Thank God for His restoration and His perfect timing

Ask for faith to trust God even when we don't understand His ways

### Looking Ahead

Next week, be prepared to share:

How your "But God" practice went

Any breakthroughs in prayer or forgiveness

Ways you saw God's greatness this week

### Additional Resources

Re-read the entire book of Job this week, looking for God's character

Study other passages about humility: Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 23:12, Proverbs 22:4

Consider: What "behemoths" or "leviathans" has God placed in your life to remind you of His power?