

Week 2:

Miserable Comforters

JOB 3-37

Durban North
Community Church



WHY, LORD?

A Study in the Book of Job

Bring 'n Share:

Do you have a close friend who has walked with you through a time of loss? How was your friendship forged during this time?

Bible Study:

1. READ JOB 2:11-13. The friends arrived to bring Job comfort. Do you think they were successful in these first seven days?
2. When Job expresses his grief from chapter 3 onward, his friends try to offer reasons as to why all of this has come upon him. How do you answer someone who wants to know why God has allowed suffering in their life?
3. Job's friends insist (for 30+ chapters) that Job must have sinned to bring all this suffering upon himself. How would you explain to them why they are wrong?
4. Was Job right to defend his own innocence as his friends continued to accuse him of wrongdoing?
5. READ JOB 32:1-5. Why was Elihu angry with Job's friends, what does he accuse them of? Was he right to be so angry?
6. Why was Elihu angry with Job? Is he accusing Job of sin?
7. READ 1 PETER 2:19-23. How is Jesus a 'better Job' in this passage? Consider:
 - The nature of Jesus' suffering (vs 19)
 - The way He responded to suffering (vs 22-23)
 - The example He sets for us as believers (vs 21)

Prayer time:

Pray for Jesus' strength to be able to stand firm during times of hardship, and to allow Him to defend us and plead our cause before the Father.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. (Proverbs 17:17)

