

**In Transit--Job**  
**Study Questions**  
**Job 1:1-22, 38:1-7, 42:1-6**

**Warm-up**

**1) When have you had a major change in fortune (whether for better or for worse)? How did you respond?**

**A little deeper**

**2) [Job 1:1-12]** Job seems like a man who has everything, and now Satan is looking to take him down. **Why does Satan care about Job's situation?**

**Why might God be willing to give Satan permission to take away Job's wealth and family (and eventually, his health)?**

**3) [Job 1:13-22]** Job lost his wealth and grown children, learning all of it within the span of a couple of minutes. **How does Job respond to the news?**

Job 2:9 shows the reaction of Job's wife after his health is taken away from him as well. **What are some other common responses you would expect to hear for someone in a terrible situation that's not their fault?**

Job 2:10 describes Job's reaction. **What does Job's reaction to severe adversity say about his relationship with God?**

**4) [Job 38:1-7]** This is the beginning of four chapters in which God challenges all the explanations and arguments Job and his friends have given for what has happened. **How does God approach His response?**

**God's response doesn't directly address the points made by Job or His friends—What does it say about how we *should* think about things, versus the way people often do think about them?**

**5) [Job 42:1-6]** Job's friends had argued that his misfortune was due to some fault of his, and Job's final defense (Job chapters 29-31) was basically a justification of His entire adult life.

**How does Job respond to all that God has said to him? Why is this an appropriate response—how does it give glory to God?**

**Bringing it home**

**6) When was the last time you were suffering and had thoughts about the situation like, "Why me?" or "What did I do wrong?"** (It could be a situation you're going through right now.)

**7) It can often be useful to consider questions about your role in the rise of unfortunate circumstances, but it is not good to start with those questions nor dwell too long on them. How can you keep your focus on God and your relationship with Him when faced with hardship?**

**How can you be a help to others who are suffering?**