

The Writings – Lesson 1 Workbook

Overview of Job

Job 1:1-3

1. How does verse 1 describe Job?

2. How many children did Job have?

3. How many animals did Job have of each type; sheep, camels, pairs of oxen, female donkeys?

4. How does verse 3 summarize Job's social status, wealth & power?

Job 1:13-22

1. Verse 14-15 state that Job loses what?

2. Verse 16 reveals that Job loses what?

3. What does Job lose in verse 17?

4. Verse 18-19 indicate that Job loses what else?

5. What is Job's response in verse 20-21?

6. How do you think Job had the capacity to worship at a time like this?

Job 38:1-18

1. What do you think God is trying to teach Job by asking these questions?

2. How did Job respond?

3. How do you think you would have responded?

4. What picture of Himself does God paint in these chapters?

Job 42:1-6 & 12-17

1. What do you think of Job's response to God?

2. By how many times is Job blessed based on what he had before his trials?

3. Verse 16-17 resolve the story and tell of Job's death. What do you think were some of his last thoughts before he died?

4. What would it have been like to be Job?

James 1:2-4

1. Does it make sense that we should be joyful when suffering? Why/why not?

2. What does James say trials will do?

3. Did you find this true of Job?

SUFFERING:

1. What is the greatest suffering you have ever had to endure?

2. How do you feel like you have dealt with that so far?

3. Is there any possible good you can see coming out of your trials? How can it improve your faith?

4. Are you taking steps to stop hurting and begin the healing process? How can your friends help you do that?

Homework

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 12:10
- Reflect on the trials that you have had in your life, did you get angry at God or did you worship Him? How did God stretch you during these tough times?
- Do your best to build close relationships with other Christians, so that you may help one another through tough times.

The Writings – Lesson 2 Workbook

Overview of Psalms

Trivia

1. Which Psalm is the longest? _____
2. Which Psalm is the shortest? _____
3. Who wrote most of the Psalms? _____
4. Which Psalm starts "The Lord is my shepherd"? _____
5. How many Psalms are there? _____

Psalm 1

1. What kind of psalm do you believe this is?

2. Who is the author talking to?

3. What is the basic message of this psalm?

4. Why do you think this was placed as the first psalm?

Psalm 42

1. What kind of psalm do you think this is?

2. What feelings stirred inside when you read it?

3. What is the basic message here?

4. How is the psalm different from the first?

Psalm 84

1. Do these words sound familiar? From where?

Psalm 95

1. Would you consider this verse a call to worship? Which postures are encouraged?

Psalm 137

1. What kind of psalm do you think this is?

2. What is the basic message?

3. What a gruesome image in verse 9. What do you think of that language being included in the psalms?

MAKING IT REAL

1. Do you feel that you communicate with God really well?

2. Do you share your truest thoughts with God – anger, jealousy, sadness, etc. ?

3. Do you communicate with God as honestly as the psalmist do? Why or why not?

Homework

- Memorize Psalm 119:105-106
- Read one Psalm a day, meditating on what the Psalm is saying to you.
- Do your best to communicate openly with God sharing your truest thoughts and feelings with Him.

The Writings – Lesson 3 Workbook

Overview of Proverbs – How to be Wise

BEING SMART

1. What do you think it means to be smart?

2. Is there a difference in being smart and being wise? What is it?

3. Who is the smartest person you know? Who is the wisest person you know? What makes them that way?

4. How wise do you think you are? What are you wise about?

Proverbs 1:1-7

1. According to these verses, what is the purpose of these writings?

2. According to verse 7, where does gaining wisdom begin?

3. How does a fool treat wisdom?

4. How do you think fearing God leads to wisdom?

Proverbs 2:1-11

1. What are some of the benefits of wisdom in these verses?

2. How might wisdom help you in every day life?

Proverbs 6:16-19

1. What are the seven things listed that god despises?

2. How can having wisdom discourage sinful behavior?

James 1:5-6

1. How wise do you think you are? Why?

2. What does this passage say we should do if we feel we lack wisdom?

3. What promise is issued if we ask?

4. How must we ask if we expect to receive wisdom?

5. Can you think of any other place in Scripture where we are promised to receive something if we just ask believe that we'll get it?

James 3:13-18

1. How is wisdom demonstrated, according to this text?

2. What walks hand in hand with wisdom, according to 13?

3. What is "earthly wisdom?"

4. What does "heavenly wisdom" look like?

5. How do you think you can become wiser?

Homework

- Memorize Proverbs 1:7
- Read one of the Proverbs each day for the next month, pray for wisdom before each reading.

The Writings – Lesson 4 Workbook

Overview of Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon

Getting Started

1. What do you remember about Solomon?

2. What do you know already about Ecclesiastes? Song of Solomon?

ECCLESIASTES

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 & Deuteronomy 13:4

1. Before you had read these verses, what would you have said about the meaning of life

2. What would you have said is the meaning of your life?

3. Do you fear God? What do you think that means? How do you live that out?

4. John 14:15 says that if we love Jesus we'll keep His commandments. Based on that measurement, how much do you think you love Jesus?

SONG OF SOLOMON

Song of Solomon 2:7, 3:5, 8:4 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1. Do you think you are the things mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7? To what degree? What are you not great at being?

2. Have you made mistakes in the past when it comes to relationships? Why?

3. Do you see benefit in waiting until you've matured before you get serious with a member of the opposite sex? What?

4. What are some ways you see people "awakening love before it is ready?" How has that hurt people you know (or maybe even yourself)?

Homework

- Memorize Ecclesiastes 12:13 & Song of Solomon 2:7
- Recognize the power and position of God and give him proper respect.
- Look deep within yourself, are you looking for life long relationships or just trying to be accepted by the crowd?