



Out of the Storm: Job & Jonah – Job 38-41 Out of the Storm

As we read the bible and lead others through it, it is helpful to ask four different 'types' of questions. This term we're categorising our questions according to the '**COMA** method' but not following the form strictly.

C = Context

O = Observation

M = Meaning
(interpretation)

A = Application

****Preparation note:** There is about 10 minutes of reading in this study.*

Pray for your time together in God's Word and for those who couldn't make it to group.

Ask someone to summarise what you saw last week – what was Job wrestling with God over?

"Job has been eager to hear from God for quite some time" (**you could flick through the pages of Job to give a sense of the length of dialogue that has passed**)

C: What kind of answer do you think Job is hoping for?

"Turn to the person next to you and ask:"

A: What would you say to Job if you were God?

PART 1: GOD'S ARGUMENT

Read Job 38

O: What do you think is the tone of God's speech to Job? What are some of the ways the author communicates this tone?

O/M: What is God saying in this chapter? *How* does he get his point across?

Optional follow up questions: What does God accuse Job of? What points does he make to argue his point? What poetic devices does the author use to communicate the point?

A: What do we learn about God in these verses? How are those things communicated?

Read Job 40:6–14

O/M: What is God saying in these verses? How is it different from what he has already said to Job?

Optional follow up questions: What does God accuse Job of? How does he argue his point?

“As we read Job 41, think about how these details about the Leviathan relate to the God’s argument from this chapter”

M: How do you think these details about Leviathan relate/contribute to God’s argument from ch.40?

Optional follow up question: What do you think the leviathan symbolises?

“From all of what God has said to Job...”

M: Does God answer Job’s questions about his suffering? How? How not?

M: Why do you think God has answered Job in this way?

M: What do you think God is trying to teach Job in his response?

PART 2: JOB’S RESPONSE

Read Job 40:3-5 and 42:1-6

M: Are these the responses you were expecting? Why / why not?

M: Do you think there is a difference between the two responses? Why / why not?

A: What can we learn from Job’s response?

PART 3: BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

M: Why do you think the author has waited 37 chapters to give God’s response?

Optional follow up: How does the volume of speech relate/contribute to God’s speech?

A: This is the climax and resolution of the book of Job, God has finally responded to Job and spoken to him directly... How do you feel about this resolution?

Optional follow up: Do you feel satisfied by God’s response? Why / why not?

A: What do you think the author is trying to teach you in all of this?

Pray

- From what you’ve looked at, try to draw out some things to pray for as a group.
- You could split into small groups, or men/women and:
 1. Share what you were struck with from the text
 2. Something personal you would like prayer for