

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## Why Bad Things Happen to Good People

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks again to everyone who helped us sell books this past Sunday. If you or anyone in your group wants to help, we will be selling the Do Something books for the next 5 weeks. Email me if you or someone in your group is interested. (scotty.james@therocksandiego.org)

## MEMORY VERSE

*“...The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1: 21 (NASB)*

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### GETTING STARTED

This week’s message dealt with pain and struggles. If some are willing, go around and share with the group some of the pain or struggles you have been going through in the past week or so.

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Job chapter 1 is one of the most fascinating chapters in Scripture; it records a conversation between God and Satan. Why do you think God asks Satan the question that He did?
2. When God asks Satan where he has been, Satan gives God an account. What does that tell you about Satan’s relationship with God?
3. Satan answering God tells us that God is not only above him, but that Satan is in submission to Him. God and Satan are not equal; God has authority over him. God then boasts about Job to Satan. What do you think about this? Ask yourself this question, and be honest with yourself, “Is your walk with God in a place that God would brag about you?”
4. Read Job 1: 9. Satan claims that Job is only good to God because God is good to him. This is a powerful statement. Look at yourself...do you love and obey God only because He blesses you? If God were to take away your privileged lifestyle, would you still love and obey Him?
5. In Job 1:12, God agrees to Satan’s request, and He allows Satan to take everything from Job. Job’s response is unbelievable; what is it? (read Job 1: 20-22)

6. When Job lost everything, he fell down and worshipped. How do you react when “bad things” happen to you? Do you worship God, or do you complain, bicker, etc. Share with the group. Be honest!
7. Just like in the story of Job, when bad things happen, God allows it. He can start or stop anything He wants to. When we complain, we are essentially whining about something that God let happen. Why would God let “bad” things happen?
8. As Pastor Miles said in the sermon, some things that we consider “bad” are not bad at all. Though they are painful, they sometimes turn out to be what is best for us. Do you have any experience with this? If you do, go around and share a time in your life where something “bad” turned out to be a positive.
9. Walking with God takes faith, especially in the tough times. Share exactly why this is. How does faith have anything to do with your response to adversity?
10. In many instances, adversity proves our faith. When we stay positive in the midst of tough times, we display that we trust God will work things out as He pleases. Do you put your trust in God during trials the same way you do when you are blessed? Share with the group.

### **BRINGING IT HOME**

***“THROUGH ALL OF THIS, JOB DID NOT SIN NOR DID HE BLAME GOD.” – JOB 1: 22  
(NASB)***

1. The story of Job is a great reminder that God is in control of all, and that we need to trust in Him in every situation. This week, make a conscience decision to trust in God when things get a little hectic.
2. God is worthy of all our praise in both good and bad times. This week, when something does not go your way, be intentional about praising God for it. Praise Him in the good and the bad times this week.