

It's a job to be Job!
JOB 2:1-10

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 6

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Job 1:20-22** was helpful to you?
2. Pray and ask God to reveal something new as you read **Job 2:1-10**. Why do you think Satan came a second time (**1:6 & 2:1**)?
3. What are your concerns and/or reactions knowing Satan roams throughout the earth (**V2**)?
4. After reading **V3**:
 - a) How do you feel knowing that God prompted a second conversation about Job with Satan (**1:8**)?
 - b) How did God describe Job? Which of his attributes do you desire to have God grow in you and why?
5. a) From **V4-6**, what are your thoughts and/or questions knowing Satan afflicted Job with painful sores while God allowed it?

b) Explain if you think this interaction with God and Satan regarding people's health occurs today?
6. What does it mean to you knowing God limits Satan's power (**V6**)?

7. Read **V7-8**. Try to get into Job's shoes as you describe the magnitude of his physical afflictions.

8. How do you respond when afflicted with physical pain?

9. Contrast the different responses from two kings afflicted with illness:

King Hezekiah (**Isaiah 38:1-5**) _____

King Asa (**2 Chronicles 16:12-13**) _____

10. What are some specific ways you can encourage others during their sickness? (or how would you want to be encouraged?)

11. What are some ways God used illness:

Galatians 4:13-15 _____

John 11:1, 3-4 _____

12. Read **Job 2:3** with **Proverbs 3:7-8**. How do you reconcile these seemingly contradictory verses?

13. a) What was Job's wife's advice in **V9**, and what might have happened if he followed it?

b) In times of trouble who is advising you?

14. a) Instead of following his wife's advice, what did Job do (**V10**)?

b) Knowing Job's ten children perished (**Chapter 1**), what are some possible reasons his wife's life was spared?

15. More than ever, we see "**it's a job to be Job**" and yet, again, "in all this, Job did not sin."

a) How can you choose righteousness when facing ongoing & extreme hardships?

b) Job wisely said, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" Where have you seen this perspective out of balance in our culture or in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Job's wife gave him foolish counsel. Identify the good qualities in the following women (in contrast to Job's wife):

Proverbs 31:10-12 _____

Proverbs 31:26 _____

1 Peter 3:1-2, 4 _____

2. Though married to a foolish husband, what wise impact did Abigail have in **1 Samuel 25:2-35**?

3. Write out the question Job asked in our Suggested Memory Verse: **Job 2:10b**

4. Form a prayer from this Lesson.

