

### Sermon Discussion Guide - November 24, 2024 Plot Twists - Job

This week, Pastor Mark walked us through the life of Job. Use the following points from the sermon for discussion for your group.

#### 1. Read Job 1:1-12

 What thoughts and feelings does this passage stir up in you? What does this passage tell us about Job? About God? About Satan?

## 2. Pastor Mark reminded us that as Christians, there is a hedge around us that is the protection of God.

- How have you experienced the protection of God in your life?
- Pastor Mark said that sometimes we step out from behind the hedge and make ourselves vulnerable. Describe a time that you did that and what you needed to do to repent.
- Pastor Mark also said that sometimes God will lower the hedge as a time of testing so we can grow. Why do you think that God would do this? What is the importance of going through difficult times? Describe a time in your life when you were tested and how you grew as a result of it.

# 3. There are two ways to ask "why". Why are You (God) doing this to me? And Why do You (God) want me here?

• Which "why" question do you tend to ask first?

#### 4. Which lesson from the sermon most impactful to you:

- 1) There is a hedge around you that sometimes gets lowered for our growth or that sometimes we step around from it.
- 2) Some rewards are given on earth and some in heaven. God's eternal narrative cannot be changed by the enemy.
- o 3) God is all knowing and totally in charge.

### 5. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today's discussion?