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Searching for God's Perspective Job 32, 33, 35, 37

Understanding the truth about our seasons of struggle and torment, i.e., seeing them from God's perspective, has less to do with age or life experience and more to do with our

Discussion 1. What do you think are the advantages of life experience in understanding suffering and whether God is fair? What do you think are the advantages of spiritual insight in understanding suffering and whether God is fair?

While God's sovereignty necessarily means He could have prevented our suffering and chose not to, it also means it is never too late for Him to turn our circumstances around and _____ in every way. In the end, our only hope is in Him.

Discussion 2. If you have ever been in a circumstance or season when your only hope was God, how did you stay connected to that hope? How can you counsel someone who is suffering in a way that might help them have that hope?

Maybe the most difficult part of prolonged suffering is being able to see our circumstances from _____; and yet, this perspective is critical to our finally understanding the truth about our suffering.

Discussion 3. Seeing our suffering from God's perspective is critical to understanding the truth about it. But how do we do that? Do you believe this is a long process or a short one? Why?

Fixing our focus on the limitlessness and the majesty of God helps us begin to see past our own struggles and storms of life; it begins to _____ which, in turn, reconnects us with our only real hope in this life or in the next.

Discussion 4. What kinds of spiritual disciplines help you shift your focus off yourself and onto God? Why is it important to develop those disciplines BEFORE the struggles come?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?