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Even Bigger Still

Job 40:6-9; 15-19; 41:1-7, 10-11; 42:1-6

Anything our minds can even conceive, no matter how big nor how indestructible it may seem, is necessarily subject to the control of the Sovereign God. We are _____ by that reality.

Discussion 1. Recall a moment or circumstance in your life when you felt overwhelmed by just how big God is; does the “bigness” of God encourage you or does it scare you?

There are elements and aspects of this created world which are terrifying to us and which we _____. But the Creator can. That reality reminds us that He is God and we are not.

Discussion 2. Like a dog on a leash, evil was both created by God and is controlled by God. Does that encourage you or does that bother you? Why?

Fear is natural. It is human. But if our fear of the world and of our circumstances is greater than our fear (i.e., awe and respect) of _____, then somewhere in our suffering we have lost the plot.

Discussion 3. What kinds of things or circumstances terrify you? For you, is there ever a danger of your being more afraid of those things or circumstances than you are of God? How do you “ground” yourself in a proper fear of the Lord when that happens?

Being shown grace by another person is a warm feeling, worthy of our emotional response. Being shown grace by the Sovereign Creator of the universe, on the other hand, is _____ in a fall-on-my-face-and-weep kind of way.

Discussion 4. Has God's grace (either on your behalf or on behalf of someone you know) ever made you weep? Has there ever been a time when you felt BOTH rebuke/discipline from God AND love/grace from God at the same time? How would you explain that to a nonbelieving friend?

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