

Review:

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We Need a Redeemer

Job 19:20-27

Sometimes in our seasons of torment, our denial and anger and blame and arguments are all just stepping stones to the place to which we must eventually get...surrender and asking for mercy. This is often the only place from which _____ can really be comprehended.

Discussion 1. Why is it that we can only see God clearly from a place of absolute surrender and asking for mercy? How do other responses (e.g., denial, blame, anger, etc.) blind us to God's sovereignty?

Surrendering to God's sovereignty in our torment and struggle does not mean we stop caring about our "legacy" or our testimony; it merely means we are willing to place those things in _____.

Discussion 2. Can you recall a difficult time or circumstance when you had to place your reputation or your testimony in God's hands? If so, how did you find the faith to do so? How did it turn out?

No matter what I have done or been, no matter how deep my need for vindication or forgiveness, there is a _____. That gives me hope during the darkest of struggles and the deepest of all rock bottoms.

Discussion 3. What does having a Redeemer mean to you personally? How does that play itself out in your day to day life?

Even as the brokenness of this world has its foot on my neck, even amid the darkest and most painful of seasons, there is hope for complete redemption and being free at last. The light of the world is _____.

Discussion 4. What kinds of spiritual disciplines help you refocus on the hope of a redeemer and the promise of a resurrection? Do you think it is harder or easier to practice those disciplines during seasons of struggle and torment? Why?

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