

Sunday, April 17, 2022 - "Easter 2022: I Know That My Redeemer Lives" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Job 19:23-37

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Job context
 - Contemporary with Abraham, great wealth/influence/humility, blameless before God
 - But God allows Satan to bring a season of suffering...but why?
 - We prefer a world with perfect karma
- In one day...Job loses his wealth and all 10 of his children
- It's one thing to have loss...another thing to deal with grief/pain/loss for days, weeks, months and years to come
- Job chapters 2-18
 - The weight of Job's suffering
 - He wishes that he had never been born
- Ch 19: Something shifts
 - Job knows who he is before God
 - Do you know who you are before God?
 - Son or daughter
 - We are his very possession
 - He realizes this is not the final chapter
- Job teaches us how to navigate the pain and suffering in our lives
- For I know that my redeemer lives
- Kinsman redeemer
 - Relative who had responsibility and privilege to care for family in trouble (buy back property/freedom)
 - This was to prevent long time suffering
 - Pointing to Jesus
 - Steps into our pain
 - Redeems all that is lost
- I know = a strong declaration of faith
- Not a/the redeemer but MY redeemer
- Do you know your redeemer lives?
 - Not just knowing the story or knowing about Him
 - Actually knowing Him..not just to go to Heaven but to know Him in this life
- We don't have to understand the why
 - It's as if God says "Your brain is too small"
 - "My ways are not your ways"
- Ultimately God is sovereign

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you experienced loss? What have you learned about walking with God through loss and pain?
2. Job knew who he was before God. Who are you before God?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus is YOUR redeemer?
4. How is God calling you to not just know about Him but to know Him personally?
5. When was a time that you didn't understand what God was saying or doing? How did you continue to follow and trust Him?
6. How have you experienced and understood God's sovereignty?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: John 1 Tues: John 2 Wed: John 3 Thurs: John 4 Fri: John 5

Songs from the weekend: [Great Jehovah - Travis Greene] - [Graves Into Gardens - Elevation Worship] - [Living Hope - Phil Wickham] - [Because He Lives - Bill Gaither] - [What A Beautiful Name - Hillsong Worship] - [Redeemer - Nicole C Mullen]