



Session 3

LISTEN (15 minutes)

Listen to the third session by Jago – <https://youtu.be/VvrXKfe48-k>

READ (5 minutes)

Read together Job 19:25-27

DISCUSS (20 minutes)

Q1. Suffering reveals what your relationship with God is like. Chris Wright says “It is precisely those who have the closest relationship with God who feel most at liberty to pour out their pain and protest to God”. Do you think you are more like Job (passionate prayer/raging against God/querying what God is doing) or Job’s friends (short and perfunctory prayer/ feel theologically sorted but actually going through the motions of a barely lukewarm faith)?

Q2. Why does suffering challenge what the character of God is like?

Q3. What is Job meaning by what he says in Job 19:25-27?

Q4. How does the resurrection help us answer the challenge to God’s character from the existence of suffering?

Q5. Do you feel the resurrection changes everything? How does the reality of it help you in times of struggle?

PRAY (15 minutes)

Before turning to pray prayers of petition to bring an end to suffering (personal and global), spend some time as a whole group thanking Jesus for his resurrection in the past that guarantees our resurrection in the future.

You could also listen as a group to the aria in Handel’s Messiah – “I know that my Redeemer liveth” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85h-8rZunOO>

NOTICES (5 minutes)

Via Connect Group leaders

This week will include notices about Pods.