

5. Why is God's response at the end of book to barrage Job with questions? What lessons from God's response can we apply to our lives today?

6. Do you think Job's suffering was arbitrary? Explain your answer.

7. Is there an action step you should take based on this message?

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Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



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## SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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### **The Good Life**

"What Is the Good Life?"

Job 1:6-12

**Bad idea #1: Suffering is always God's punishment for sin. If we're good, we won't have to suffer.**

But God is not a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bad idea #2: Human suffering is always about us and our lives here and now.**

But God is not an \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bad idea #3: What we need most from God are relief from suffering and answers to our questions.**

But God is not a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Though the universe is complex, God loves us and has good plans for us.**

There will be ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

### **Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions**

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Job 2:11-13 and Job 11:13-20. How do the responses of Job's friends inform us about how we should treat those who are suffering or mourning?
3. What is the danger of always viewing suffering as punishment and blessing as reward?
4. Is it possible to evaluate whether or not someone's good or bad fortune is actually blessing or punishment? Explain.