



RUINED!

The book of Job

#MC3RUINED **MG³**



Pr'ime
Groups

Discussion
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“Discouraged!”

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When You're Ruined, Your Attitude Should Be Authentic

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week (but save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me)?
[Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
When You're Ruined, Your Attitude Should Be Authentic
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Taking shortcuts that shortchange the process
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Job 3:1-26
"Why is life given to a man like me? God hasn't told me what will happen to me. He has surrounded me with nothing but trouble. Sighs have become my food every day. Groans pour out of me like water." (Job 3:23-24, NIRV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Share a time that you took a shortcut (literally or metaphorically), and realized later that it caused you to miss out on something.
- In your church or family background, what were you taught about questioning or complaining to God?
- Read these verses about Job sharing his questions. We read them in the Point, but now slowly read each verse and discuss the *imagery*. What metaphors did Job use to describe each? How did he feel?
 - *I Despise the Day I was Born* -Job 3:2-10
 - *I Wish I had Died at my Birth* -Job 3:11-19
 - *I Hate that I Delighted in Being* -Job 3:20-26
- Discuss: how can “bottling up” our questions/complaints short-change our perspective on God? What is the key in Job 6:10?
- Does it surprise you to know that we are “allowed” to question God?
- Even Biblical “greats” questioned God. Read each of the following passages. In your own words, explain what they’re asking God:
Habakkuk 1:2-3; Psalm 1:10; Psalm 22:2; Matthew 27:45-46
- Which one person/question most resonates with you, and why?
- Does the idea of being real with God “free” you? Why/why not? Why is it essential to keep **Job 1:22; 2:10b; 6:10; Eph. 4:20** in mind?
- What does this change about your understanding of who God is?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

- Here are more Biblical “greats” who questioned God (not all for the right reasons!). Summarize their questions and how God responds:
 - Abraham: **Genesis 15:1-5**
 - Moses: **Exodus 3:11-14; 4:1-17**
 - Joshua: **Joshua 7:6-12**
 - Jeremiah: **Jeremiah 20:7-18**
 - Peter: **Acts 10:9-20**
 - Paul: **2 Corinthians 12:7-9**