



RUINED! 02/12/23

When You're Ruined, Your God is More Powerful Than Your Plight

The Repeats (required) They are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> 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 <u>save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me</u>)? [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 God is More Powerful Than Your Plight
- This Week's Object Lesson:
 Playing Operation as training for surgery
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Job 38:1 41:34
 "Are you as strong as God? Can you thunder with a voice like his?" (Job 40:9, NLT)

The Reflection (required) <u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- •Have you ever told someone how to do something, then realized that you have no idea what you're talking about? Or someone to you...?
- •To give context to this week's discussion, let's review last week's Point. Job's 3 friends (& Elihu) tried to explain why Job was suffering:
 - •Eliphaz: "What I've seen..." Read Job 4:8
 - •Bildad: "What I heard..." Read Job 8:8
 - •Zophar: "What I was taught..." Read Job 20:4-5
 - •Elihu: "What I think..." Read Job 37:23-24
- Explain/discuss each friend's perspective. Which is most like you?
- •According to Job 1:8, why is Job actually suffering? Explain.
- •As we continue *Ruined!*, <u>God</u> now answers Job. **Read Job 38:1-3**. Before we go any further, how would you feel if you were Job here?
- •Interestingly, God's answer to Job is never why. God tells Job:
 - "You Couldn't Understand My Purposes!" All open to Job 38-39
 - •What examples of His purposes does God give Job here?
 - "You Shouldn't Underestimate My Power!" All open to Job 40-41
 - •What examples of His power does God give Job here?
- •How do *you* feel about God's answers to Job? Would this be encouraging or discouraging to you in Job's situation?
- •Read Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 1:25; Romans 9:20b-21. What do these say about God's purposes and *our* understanding?
- •With that in mind, read John 14:7; John 17:3; 1 John 5:20. What is the connection between these 3 passages and the 3 above?
- •Read Jeremiah 32:27; Colossians 1:17; Matt. 19:26; 1 Cor. 1:25. What do these say about God's power and *our* ability?
- •With that in mind, read Romans 1:16; Eph. 1:19-23; Eph. 3:20. What is the connection between these 3 passages and the 4 above?
- •What about these connections can be a comfort in suffering? Why?
- •What comfort will you take away from today's discussion? Why?