

WEEK 2

DISCUSSION GUIDE



THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God can use pain to shape you into the image of Jesus.

BIBLE

Job 2:1–10; Romans 8:26–29;
Psalm 34:18

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Sharp turns are a thrilling part of roller coasters, but after slamming our knees into the safety bar for the fourth time, our bodies are ready for the ride to end. This week, we'll hear Job's story as he inspires us to live through pain and suffering without turning away from God. His faithfulness and God's response help us remember **God can use pain to shape you into the image of Jesus.**

Conversation Starters:

- What's the best amusement park food ever? Why?
- What are some questions you ask (to God or just in general) when you find life has disappointed or hurt you?
- Why do you think it's so unsettling when we see difficult things happening to good people?

Scripture:

Read Job 2:1-10 together, and then choose someone to describe what we just read in their own words.

- The story of Job can be a confusing one for us to understand. What are some of the honest questions that come to mind after reading what we just read together?
- Why do you think Job's story was included in the Bible? What do you think having Job's story in Scripture tells us about God?
- Have you ever been through something or seen someone experience something really difficult but who came out on the other side better somehow? What happened?
- What is a way to give someone hope about getting through the pain without minimizing or speeding them through it?

Read Psalm 34:18.

- As a group, draw out 3-5 observations from this verse. Some of them may be extremely obvious, and that's ok.
- Has anyone ever experienced Psalm 34:18 in their own life? If you're comfortable, share it with the rest of the group. You never know who that may be encouraging for.
- Considering Psalm 34:18 and the story of Job as friends, what would be the best way for us to stand next to those going through difficult times of pain?

Close out your time by praying for God to remind us that we can be courageous because He is with us.