

April 19, 2020 | Disrupted – Week 3
Group Discussion Questions

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, read [Job 1](#) and [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

INTRODUCTION

Disruptions come in many varieties. They all hurt, but they can hurt worse if we view the disruption as the breach of a divine agreement. This misunderstanding of God leads to the following logic: If we live righteously but don't get what we desire, then God must not have lived up to his end of the bargain. This type of deal-making faith is not the faith God wants for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to a time in your life when you faced a seemingly impossible challenge. What emotions did you feel during that time?

At the time, how did you think God felt about your situation? What do you think He was doing?

2. In [Job 1](#), what disruptions did Job experience?

Later in the story, Job's three friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) rationalize the disruptions by accusing him of sinning against God. This thought process is an example of deal-making faith. Read each of their perspectives in [Job 4:7-8](#), [Job 8:20](#), and [Job 11:14-17](#).

When have you been tempted to demonstrate a deal-making faith?

What problems are found in this type of faith?

Why does God allow disruptions into our lives?

3. We do not have to succumb to a deal-making faith. There are higher levels of faith, but they require more trust in God.

Job displays a frustrated faith. Read [Job 3:1-3](#) and [Job 3:11](#). If we know God is in control and has a plan for the disruption, why do we still complain?

At the end of Job's story, he finally realizes the type of faith God desires for us. Read [Job 42:1-6](#). Describe the complete faith Job learns to have, and why we must be forced to place our trust in God.

Read [2 Corinthians 8:10](#). The purpose of God allowing disruption into our lives is so we will “stop relying on ourselves and start to rely on God.” Where do you need to fully trust in God and not yourself?

What can we do to build this type of trust?

ACTION STEP

4. Job died “full of days.” How was he able to live a life of fulfillment after experiencing such terrible disruption?

Will you allow disruption to build your trust in God?

Recommended Action Steps

1. **Journal your emotions.** Keeping an account of your feelings is a great way to maintain a healthy perspective of why God would allow you to go through disruption.
2. **Pray.** Stay in constant communication with God through consistent times of prayer. Set reminders on your phone and find a place to kneel down to pray.
3. **Read a book.** Recommended reading for the series, *Disrupted*.
 - a. [Unexpected](#) by Stephen & Karen Blandino
 - b. [Life Interrupted](#) by Priscilla Shirer

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

To determine how your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at bschafer@eclife.org.

FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK’S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is _____.

This coming week, I will encourage _____ to complete their action step.

Their action step is _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I will pray for the group’s following prayer requests:

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