

Job – Part 9

Intimations of Hope

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a thought-provoking series of studies on the book of Job. Our topic today: Intimations of Hope

Scripture Song: I would have lost heart (Ps. 27:13-14)

- 1) Job's response to his "comforters"
 - a) Summarize the accusations and counsel of Job's comforters.
 - b) Job 13:1-4 – Job's response
 - i) Is Job justified in his harsh response?
 - ii) Why do hurting people sometimes respond harshly or defensively even if you have good intentions?
 - c) Job 13:5-12 What part of Job's response makes sense to you?
 - d) Compare Job 13:5 and Job 2:11-13. Why is silence often the best approach when dealing the tragic situations?
 - e) Share a time when you realized the best comfort was to be silent and simply offer the gift of presence.
- 2) Words of hope
 - a) Job 13:15-16
 - b) How does Job's reverence for God (Job 1:1) give him hope even when he doesn't understand?
 - c) Lamentation 3:22-26 – our hope is centered in God

- d) How has your understanding of the character of God changed as you have carefully studied the Bible?
- e) What texts of Scripture have helped you discover a clearer picture of the character of God?
 - i) 1 John 4:8
 - ii) John 14:9
 - iii) 2 Peter 3:9
 - iv) 1 John 3:1
 - v) Others?
- f) What stories or texts in the Bible give you hope?
 - i) Stories
 - (1) Thief on the cross
 - (2) Woman caught in adultery
 - (3) Peter sinking in the sea of Galilee
 - (4) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace
 - (5) Daniel in the lions den
 - (6) Other stories?
 - ii) Texts
 - (1) John 3:16
 - (2) John 16:33
 - (3) 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - (4) Ephesians 1:3-4
 - (5) Phil 1:6
 - (6) Titus 1:1-2
 - (7) 2 Timothy 1:8-9
 - (8) Romans 8:31-32, 38-39
 - (9) Other passages?
- g) We all need hope, especially when facing great trials. When is the best time to discover this hope? How?