

Week beginning February 15th 2021



St Barnabas
making disciples for life

Walking through Covid with Job

Welcome

When did something last take your breath away and cause you to wonder? e.g. beautiful sunrise, moment during worship, first snowdrop, patterns in the frost, kindness of others.....
Describe what it was and why it had that effect.



Worship

Read Ch 38 vs 4-33 and use it as a basis for a time of praise and worship.
You might also like to use one of the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYn21RdBBQ>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7sslCfIOXY>



Word

1. Job 38:1-33 God does not answer Job's questions, rather makes himself known to Job through a powerful encounter. What does this tell us—about God, Job and us?
2. Job Ch 40:3-5 and Ch 42:1-6 What effect did this encounter have on Job - what can we learn?
3. How do you think we can live well with things we don't understand? And how do we balance our God given inquisitiveness and desire for knowledge with the limits of our capacity to understand?
4. Read Job 19:25-27 These vs point us forward to Jesus - because whilst Job nor we will find answers to all our questions about suffering and pain this side of heaven, God does give us a Saviour.



Ultimately it is not comforting to abandon all hope of miracles by shrinking our view of God's power to the size of our own pain.....Living with unanswered prayer I need a big God, an awesome unspeakably amazing God, a death defying eternal God - a God whose promises are certain - a God who has been there before and can walk with me and counsel me and pray for me and prepare a place for me and who can even make all things work together for good.

Pete Greig in God on Mute

As we face suffering and pain what difference does Jesus make?

(Hebrews 4:14-16)

Witness

In our first study on Job you were invited, if able, to walk and pray for those in your local streets struggling with Covid and other challenges.

This week you might like to set time aside to go on a different kind of prayer walk which helps us connect with our amazing Creator God - example attached <https://saconnects.org/take-a-prayer-walk-to-be-with-god/>

