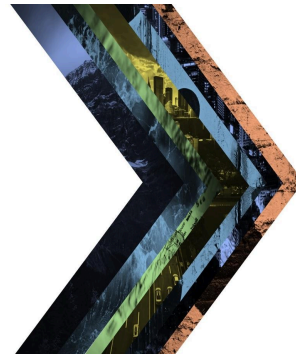


WHERE WERE YOU?

JOB 38



KEY VERSE [4]

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

OPEN UP

What is something God has revealed about Himself in the Bible that wows you?

DISCOVER GOD'S WORD

1. Job's friends made it seem that God was angry at Job and so he should only expect further judgment and not God's presence. But what does it tell us that *YHWH* (the name of God used to signify His covenant character and promises) came to answer His servant Job?
2. After addressing Job and calling him to prepare himself, the Lord asks whether Job knows how creation was established and if he has the knowledge or ability to govern it and shape the lives of its wonderful variety of creatures. What is God doing here?
 - a. What is God revealing about Himself?
 - b. What is God teaching Job (esp. about justice and judgment)?

APPLY GOD'S WORD

1. **TRUE COMFORT.** We are all looking for answers and to be comforted when we face trials and times of uncertainty. How can biblically knowing *who* God is comfort us even if we are never told the *why* of our situations? (ex. Job is finally satisfied *not* because all of his questions have been answered but because God has revealed Himself).
2. **TRUE WORSHIP.** Part of the beauty and difficulty in our relationship with God is recognizing who He is and who we are. Sometimes with gigantic heads but tiny hearts we arrogantly get our relationship with God all upside-down and think He owes us, He is to blame, or He has to do what we want and expect. What does the book of Job in particular, and the Bible's gospel message in general, show us about just how great God is, exactly how small and undeserving we are, and yet how much He cares for us?