

1st Quarter – Week 6

(Friends Continue to Speak/ God Begins to Answer)

Day 1 Job 35-36 Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about Job	Key Thoughts: • In chapter 35, Elihu speaks again. Now he builds a case against Job charging him with impure motives. This is why God is silent. • Elihu accuses Job of being self-righteous (35:1-4). Elihu reminds Job that God is far above man (35:5-8). He accuses Job of bitterness and not genuinely seeking God (35:9-12). Elihu calls on Job to stop being angry and repent (35:13-16). • There is always a need for honest self-evaluation in trials, but there is also the need to counsel someone with the facts. • In chapter 36, Elihu delivers his fourth speech. He states, God is always just (36:1-4). This justice of God is extended to all people (36:5-10). Men need to respond correctly to God (36:11-15), and Job needs to respond correctly (36:16-21). God is the Almighty, Sovereign God and teaches through His plans for our lives (36:22-33). Jesus Christ: Jesus taught His followers to “take heart.” You will face trials in the world, but He will give you the victory (John 16:33).
Day 2 Job 37 Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about Job	Key Thoughts: • Job 37 concludes Elihu’s speeches and leads into the next section where God answers Job. • Elihu diverts Job’s attention to God’s greatness and power over nature (37:1-13). He then challenges Job to measure himself to God’s management of His creation (37:14-20). Elihu concludes with the incomprehensible might of God which should cause Job to have reverence for God (37:21-24). • Elihu’s advice is good as he reminds Job, it’s all about God! Look at God and see His Person, His Purpose and keep recognizing our insignificance compared to the Lord. Jesus Christ: Colossians 1:17 reminds the church of the absolute majesty and supremacy of Jesus Christ. He is the Head of the Church and Lord in our lives.
Day 3 Job 38 Use the suggested websites to answer specific questions about Job	Key Thoughts: • In chapter 38, God begins to speak to Job. He will deliver these messages, the first is found in chapter 38-40:5. • Job will now experience what he’s been desiring, to hear from God, and what he feared at the same time (38:1-3). God answers Job by raising rhetorical questions. Can you explain or control my creation? God then walks Job through His creation (38:4-33). • God is causing Job to better understand how many things are beyond his comprehension. Job will need to acknowledge everything is under God’s control for His righteous and good purposes to glorify Himself including Job’s trials. • Jesus Christ: Because of Jesus’ work on our behalf, we can grow in our understanding of how all things work together for good (Romans 8:28).

Day 4 Job 39	Key Thoughts: • Chapter 39 continues God’s questions for Job as He escorts Him on a trip through His creation. • Job is asked to consider the following: the mountain goats and deer (39:1-4), the wild donkey (39:5-8), the wild ox (39:9-12), the ostrich (39:13-18), the war horse (39:19-25), the hawk and eagles (39:26-30). Notice the emphasis on the different characteristics of the creatures God has created; and see His control over all of them. Jesus Christ: Jesus taught God’s control over the sparrow reminding His followers, if God watches over the sparrow, how much more will He watch over you (Luke 12:6-7).
Day 5 Job 40	Key Thoughts: • In chapter 40:1-3, God concludes His first message to Job with more questions. • Job is confronted with the question, “Should you or anyone insist on setting forth your case to God?” God knows the facts about Job’s life and his innocence (Job 1:8; 2:3). • Job then responds to God’s message. He acknowledges his insignificance in comparison to God and agrees to keep silent. Job is accepting the providence of God for his life. He is humbled, he finds relief, and he surrenders (40:3-5). • God then begins his second speech to Job. Again, he raises questions for Job to better understand the awesomeness of God. Can you exercise justice, humble the proud, and judge the wicked (40:6-14)? Can you control the Behemoth, the most powerful land creature (40:15-24)? Job, you need to grow to another level of recognizing the power of God. Jesus Christ: We are not to be overly concerned with the judgment of the wicked. God has appointed Jesus Christ to judge the world (Acts 17:31).
Day 6 Job 41	Key Thoughts: • God continues His second message, once again, highlighting Job’s limitations, while declaring His sovereign authority and power over all creation. • Job is directed to consider the Leviathan. Can you tame this creature? Consider the helplessness of men in confronting such a creature (41:12-32). • God is emphasizing, again, He is in control of all things, including the creature no one else can control. Job, God doesn’t owe you an explanation. He may or may not reveal answers to our questions about why we are suffering. But He does need to be trusted and worshipped even in trials. Jesus Christ: Being in Christ enables the believer to rejoice in sufferings. How? Because of who God is and what He has promised (1 Peter 1:6-7).