



sacred sorrow.

Loss ... Pain ... Sorrow ... They're part of the human experience, and seemingly an unavoidable worldwide constant over the past 18 months. We languish ... We grieve ... We rage. We look back and lament and ask why; it's our natural response. Is there a way to move forward from the pain that has defined this season? Is there a way to make our sorrow a sacred thing?

- Open with prayer.
- If your group is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

REVIEW

- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you?
- Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When you look back over the past 18 months, what's one thing you're grieving? If you could appear before God's heavenly council, what questions would you ask?
- What's the happiest thing that has happened to you over the past 18 months?
- What impresses you about Job? His wealth? His faith? His restraint? His acceptance of loss? Something else?
- After all of Job's losses, he responds by worshipping God. What can you praise God for right now?
- In the end, Job was affirmed by God and comforted by others. Spend some time encouraging and affirming one another.
- How can you apply the story of Job to your life? What will you do about it?

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other's prayer requests.