

Basic Training in the Bible

Andrew Stepp | Job

Why does this class exist?

- We need training, and we need the community. Those are powerful tools in the hands of the Holy Spirit!
- This is a training ground.
- This is an invitation to dig into God's Word.
- This is an opportunity to build a framework that can help us to mine familiar texts for the deeper treasures and equip us to wade through the deeper, more challenging texts.

What should you expect?

- An overview of each book, tips on what to look for, & a reading plan for the week.
- Opportunities for you to give me feedback
- Opportunities for you to shape the curriculum.

What do I expect from you?

- Do your best to be present! → Either physically or electronically
- Read your Bible!
- Share with me what you're learning – what's surprising, frustrating, comforting, exhilarating, confusing or all of the above!

What is my hope for this class?

- For you to grow! ...And for me to grow!
- To KNOW Scripture – Jesus knew Scripture, obviously... but his audience and Paul's audience and Peter's audience KNEW Scripture. The more you know Scripture the more alive it becomes!

Job

Wisdom Literature:

- Proverbs: "Wisdom _____ works!"
- Ecclesiastes: "Wisdom _____ works... I guess."
- Job: "Wisdom _____ works!"

Read Job like it is a _____ .

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Outline:

- 1-2: Prologue/Context
- 3: Job's Curse
 - 4-27: Job vs. his friends (3x3)
 - 28: Wisdom Hymn
 - 29-31: Job's monologue
 - 32-37: Mr. Know-it-all chimes in
 - 38-41: God speaks out of the storm
- 42: Epilogue

Two Big Questions:

Satan's question: Is anyone truly righteous, or are they just righteous in order to get God's blessing?

"God's policy of blessing the righteous is counterproductive to the development of true righteousness. People are only righteous b/c of what they get out of it... righteousness for righteousness' sake does not exist."

Job's question: Why do the righteous suffer?

"The Retribution Principle"

When God shows up in the storm! (38-41)

Speech 1:

Speech 2:

This Week's Readings:

Job = 42 chapters

- 8,8,8,9,9 chapters
- 1-3, 18-19, 28-31, 32-37, 38-42

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