

For the week of March 15, 2020
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The Purpose of Pain

Fourth week in the series: Shattered

Job 32-37

After hearing from Job's three friends for over 20 chapters, we are ready for a new voice. In this section, we meet Elihu, who claims to have a fresh perspective on Job's suffering. While his assessment of Job is helpful, he too presents a faulty picture of God. Through his words, we realize that asking about the purpose of pain might be the wrong question. Does God really cause our suffering? Or is it more complicated than that?

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you ever find yourself asking what the purpose of your suffering is?
2. Do you think God teaches us lessons through our suffering? Is that always the case?
3. Do you ever think God owes you something? What kind of situations tempt you to think that way?
4. Do you feel like God is distant?
5. Do you assume that God causes everything on a very detailed scale?
6. Share how God has used some pain in your life.