



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Week One | Listening to Anybody | 02.06-07.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Maybe you find yourself with issues and pain that haven't gone away and you're not sure what to do with it. We can learn from someone who experienced unparalleled pain and how God showed up and taught him too.

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What's the weirdest thing your family does that you realized not all families do?
- Digging Deeper: When you first found out that not all families do this, how did you respond? Do you let other people know or hide it?

» Observation | Read Job 1 - 8 (this is a lot, so you may want to summarize each chapter) (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | **Safe people put the relationship over being right.** (12 minutes)

- What's the worst advice you've ever received? What made it terrible? Did you take it or leave it?
- What would have been more helpful advice in that situation?

» Stop Talking | Reference Job 2:9-10 (12 minutes)

- When things get challenging, how do the people around Job respond? How does Job respond?

» Be Present | Reference Job 2:11-13 (12 minutes)

- Why do you think people avoid being "present" in difficult situations?
- How can we creatively show up for people when we can't physically be together?

» Don't Assume, Ask | Reference Job 8:1-7 (12 minutes)

- Why is listening rather than solving or moving on so difficult behind closed doors?
- How can you grow in learning to listen to the people next to you even if their problems don't feel like problems to you?

» Next Steps and Prayer | (15 minutes)

- What might you be taking personally that's getting in the way of listening?
- Close by praying for each other to stop this week and really spend some time being present and really listening to someone.