

Job 28 – Hidden gems mined in the darkness

1) A lesson from the deep 28: 1 - 11

- A mine is a deep and mysterious place
- A place of loneliness and potential suffering
- A place that contains things of value worth searching for
- A place where valuable things are placed in such a way they are hard to find.

Proverbs 3:19 'By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations'

Job's is not just suffering, he is searching desperately to understand why?

He uses a poem calling us to be honest seekers after wisdom. To search hard for the big 'Know Why' questions of life.

2) Where can I find wisdom? 28: 12 – 22

- Where is wisdom found 12 – 14
- Wisdom is priceless 15 – 19
- Wisdom cannot be found – it is hidden from men 20 - 22

3) Only God knows the way to wisdom

- To understand wisdom is like trying to understand the weather!
- The weather an uncontrolled random force

4) The fear of the Lord – that is wisdom 28: 28

- God turns our attention away from our questions towards him
- In your search for answers you want look to the God you must seek.

Easter with Job

- A. A suffering that was undeserved but necessary
- B. A silence but God was still there
- C. A resurrection to come that will be life better than we can ever imagine or hope for.

Digging Deeper

Read Job 29 – 30 and Hebrews 11: 8 – 10

1. What situations do you face that seem hopeless for you at present?
2. Job longs for the good days that he had enjoyed. He reflects on how he is being treated in his suffering. As he shares his heart with the friends who have come to comfort him, what does his experience of life and Abraham have in common?
3. What are the things that you look back on and long for?
4. What are your hopes for the future and what makes it hard for you to hold on to these hopes?
5. The cross and the return of Jesus provide for us the foundation and direction for our lives as Christians. How do these two truths impact us in the areas of life we struggle with today?

Read Job 31 and Micah 6:8

1. Job has been accused of failing to act justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with God by Eliphaz. What are the areas of life that Job mentions in his defence?
2. How does Job 31 link with the important characteristic of integrity which is repeated through Job? Job: 2:3; 2:9; 6:29; 27:5
3. Why is integrity so important for us and for the people we want to Point to Jesus?