

## **Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 13, 2025**

Job 3; Brandon Nemechek

**Ice Breaker:** Who have you known that experienced a loss great enough to lead them to question God's goodness or grace? What was the outcome?

### **Dig:**

1. To set the stage for Job 3, review Job 1 and 2. What blessings from God had Job experienced? Subsequently, what losses had Job undergone? How far had Job's friends likely traveled to visit him? How long did they sit with him in silence? What do you make of the depth of their friendship?
2. Note the change from the prose of chapters 1 and 2 to the poetry of chapter 3 and beyond. How does your interpretation of poetry compare/contrast to that of prose? How is that important to our understanding of Job?
3. In Job 2:9, Job refuses to "curse God and die." In Job's lament in chapter 3, how close does he come to cursing God? What specific curses does he make? What rhetorical questions does he ask? Why?
4. What is your sense of Job's physical health at the time of his lament? Of his emotional health? Of his spiritual health? Why?

### **Apply:**

5. How have you experienced lament in your own walk with God? What helped you most? What was the outcome?
6. Who in your life now is undergoing a time of lament? How can you help them?

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