

## DAYS 1-7

1. Why do you think God gave us two separate accounts of creation (Genesis 1 and Genesis 2)?
2. Assuming we agree that God is the Creator of all things, do you view the creation narrative as literal, allegorical, or a general reductive summary? How—if at all—would your faith be impacted if you found out you were wrong in that particular view and that one of the other views was accurate instead?
3. How does it feel to be pursued by God in the midst of your sin? Scary? Comforting? Threatening? And why?
4. What's your perspective on the "sons of God" in Genesis 6?
5. *Optional (read if you have the study guide):* Revisit questions 1–3 from Day 3. Why is it important for us to notice whom specific commands and promises are given to? How have you seen commands or promises misapplied to people they aren't given to?
6. Does suffering confuse you like it does Job? How can you tell if you're being punished or disciplined by God, you're experiencing

an attack of the enemy, or it's just a natural part of life's hard circumstances?

7. Job believes God is ultimately sovereign over both his troubles and his hope. Are these things hard to reconcile? Why or why not?
8. Do you find it challenging to sit in silence with people in their pain? Are you inclined to try to fix the problem? What approach do you appreciate most in your own life?
9. What is your favorite thing you read about God's character in your God Shots from this week?

## DAYS 8-14

1. In Job 4:12–16, Eliphaz claims his words of counsel come from a spirit. In 20:3, Zophar makes the same claim. Is it safe to assume all guidance and promptings we get are from God? How can we know what’s true? Do you have any personal experiences with this?
2. Describe a time when you were obedient to God and things didn’t work out like you wanted them to. Did you feel like God wasn’t holding up His end of the agreement? What lies are at the root of this misguided belief? How did you come to understand the truth?
3. “Why do bad things happen to good people?” is a common question. Romans 3:10–12 says no human is good; so although Job isn’t inherently good, God declares him righteous—ultimately, because of what Jesus did on the cross. Still, terrible things happen to him. In response to that question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” R. C. Sproul Jr. said, “That only happened once, and He volunteered.”\* What do you think he meant by this response?

\*Paul Derry and R. C. Sproul Jr., *Call Me Barabbas* (Inner Sanctum Publishing, Inc., 2020), 12.

4. In Job 33:19–30, Elihu says God sometimes allows people to struggle through trials and consequences in order to produce repentance in them. Describe a time when you’ve been in that situation.
  
5. A quote often attributed to Charles Spurgeon says, “I have learned to kiss the wave that strikes me against the Rock of Ages.” Are you grateful for the way God used that trial to draw you nearer to Himself (even if you aren’t grateful for the trial itself)? If so, how long did it take you to feel that gratitude?
  
6. Have you ever used pain as an excuse to sin, like Elihu suggests in Job 36:21?
  
7. When God finally speaks to Job, He doesn’t answer any of Job’s questions. He simply reminds Job that He is God. Imagine you’re Job; would this feel like a comfort or a rebuke? Why?
  
8. What is your favorite thing you read about God’s character in your God Shots from this week?