

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Jan 11-12, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

### Walking in an Awareness of the Lord's Presence

(Job 41:8-10, Isaiah 27:5 & 64:7, Rev 3:14-22)

**Bob Sorge, Guest Speaker**

### Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Job 41:8-10, Isaiah 27:5, 64:7, and Revelation 3:14:22.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

Bob said there are some things in God you must ask for, to experience. Have you ever asked God for something big that launched you on a unique journey with Him? Want to tell the group about it?

According to Job 41:8-10, Job's fiery ordeal happened because he laid hold of God. Can you think of anyone else in Scripture who had a great struggle because they laid hold of God? How might Isaiah 27:5 and Isaiah 64:7 fit into this conversation?

Bob said, the biggest challenges of life have some of the greatest potential to draw us into deeper intimacy with God. Do you agree with that? If so, how have you experienced it?

Have you thought of suffering is an invitation to deeper intimacy with God?

Let's talk our way through Rev 3:14-22, the letter to the church of Laodicea, and look at this letter as showing God's purposes in chastening us (v. 19). You're welcome to talk through the five purposes of chastening in this passage, and what God is speaking to you about this passage. As a reminder:

1. He chastens to break us free of the lukewarm middle. (v15-16)
2. He chastens to show us our true spiritual condition. (v17)
3. He chastens to conform us to Christ. (v18, the gold of Christlikeness)
4. He chastens to clear our vision. (v18, eye salve)
5. He chastens to bring us into greater intimacy. (v20)

Bob spoke a little bit about fasting. What have you learned about fasting? If fasting intimidates you, how can we pray for you?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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