



# GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

## BREAKING THE ICE

What is your most memorable story from this summer so far?

Is there anything else you are looking forward to doing this summer that you haven't had the opportunity to do yet?

## MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Drew Powell taught on the story of Job. Job was a man who loved God with his whole heart. He had everything he could ever want or imagine: wealth, health and a family. He walked with God and had a strong relationship with Him, communicating with Him and following what God asked him to do. Job's life was fulfilling and things were going pretty well.

One day Job lost everything – his family, his wealth, his health. Job suffered greatly but never renounced God in the midst of his problems.

1. When things go wrong in your life, how do you react?

Job had some serious struggles. He was confused on why the worst things he could ever imagine had happened to him. In the

midst of his pain, he questioned God. But then God then went on to question Job. He asked him difficult, intentional questions that Job couldn't answer. God did this to shift Job's perspective from his own struggles to the eternal perspective of God's presence.

2. Have you ever questioned God in the midst of your struggle? Explain. (It's ok if you have, God can handle it).

3. Have you ever found yourself at rock bottom where all you had is God to ask for help? Explain.

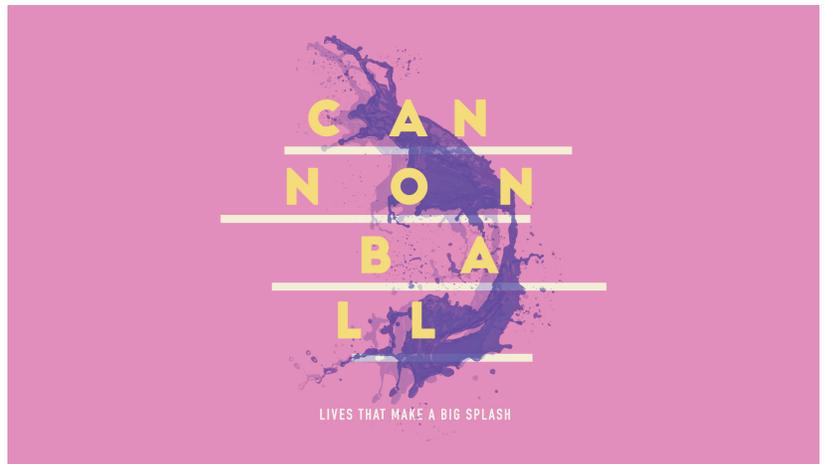
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Once we fully engage God and His presence, we know our worship to Him is genuine. We come to Him in our deepest despair because we have nothing left but Him.

When we give God our genuine worship, we can see things from the perspective of what He can do in our situation. The best gift He gave us is his son, Jesus. Jesus gives us the hope we need for all the troubles we have in our lives.

Pastor Drew gave us two questions to ask when we find ourselves in the midst of a difficult situation:

1. What? God, what are you trying to show me?
2. How? God, how can you get glory?

When we ask these two questions, it takes us to a new perspective – a perspective on how can God help you get through your troubles so He receives the glory. It also encourages genuine reliance and worship on Him as we discover we can't do this on our own.

4. Is there a situation in your life right now you need to ask God, "What are You trying to show me, and how can You receive the glory"? Explain.
5. How can you shift your focus onto the eternal things of God instead of the things that are currently troubling you?

God does not want us to suffer needlessly, but he knows there will be times in our lives where we will have trials and things will not be easy. God can handle our questions and our circumstances. He just wants us to grow closer to Him in those moments and to continue to follow Him in both the good and the difficult times.

## CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank You for being with us in the midst of our trials. Show us what You want us to see in the middle of our trials and how You can receive the glory from it. Help us focus on the eternal things you offer instead of our current situation. In Jesus' name, amen.

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