Perspectives on God in Job

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1. **Victim to Victory Story: Elisabeth's Story**
2. **Participant Expectations**
	1. What new understanding of God do you want to explore?
	2. What questions do you have about how God is represented in Job?
	3. What questions would you have for Job about God?
3. **Introduction to the Theme**
	1. God as He defines Himself Exodus 3:14; 33:19, Isaiah 6:3; 45:5
	2. God as He responds to Job
	3. How did Job define God?
	4. How did Job’s friends define God?
		1. Eliphaz (My God is (fine) gold)
		2. Bildad (Confusing (by mingling) love)
		3. Zophar (Sparrow)
		4. Elihu (He is my God)
	5. How do we define God?
		1. Descriptively
		2. Analogically
		3. Relationally
	6. How can we grow in our understanding of God through considering Job?
		1. Where does Job’s approach rub us the wrong way? Why?
			1. Are his prayers and responses irreverent?
			2. Compare with David in the Psalms
		2. How does Job’s being commended by God jive with God allowing Satan to torture him?
		3. Why did God not explain the backstory to Job? Would it have mattered?

**4. Perspectives on the Theme**

a) Key references for the Theme (Job 38-41)

b) How is God perceived in today’s culture?

c) How is God perceived in the mainstream church?

d) Teachings from Job on God

**5. Engagement Questions and Closing Applications**

a)Is Elihu a messenger for God?

b) In His response to Job, is God a Father, a Teacher, a Counselor, or a Regent?