

Abounding in Thanksgiving - Study Questions

10 October 2021

1. What are you thankful for this week after Thanksgiving?

Read Job 19:1-27; Colossians 1:24 - 2:7

2. At first glance how appropriate are these passages for Thanksgiving Sunday?
3. The theme of the sermon was giving thanks in the midst of adversity. According to the sermon was Job's thanksgiving because of or in spite of his suffering? What quality or characteristic marked Job's thanksgiving?
4. Paul saw his suffering very differently. Why did he rejoice in his suffering? How did James suggest that Paul's suffering filled up "what is lacking" in Jesus' suffering?
5. How might our suffering "that is common to humanity in a sinful and broken world," suffering that isn't suffering for our faith, nevertheless participate in God's reconciling and redemptive work in the world?
6. What image did James use to explain how pain and adversity can tend to function in our lives? How does the spiritual discipline of thanksgiving help keep the darkness from swallowing up all the light in our lives?