



**July 27, 2023**

**Social Time**

**Thanks to those who provided Treats**

**Bible Study Business**

**Music**

- ELW 774 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
- ELW 817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*
- ELW 671 *Shine Jesus Shine*

**Prayer Requests & Update Prayer List**

**Opening Prayer**

**Book Discussion – Chapter 2**

**Introduction** to the Book of Job

- Biblical interpretation
- Overview of Job story

**Three Statements** – Only 2 can be true, given the calamities that befell Job:

- A. God is all powerful and causes everything that happens in the world. Nothing happens without God willing it.
- B. God is just and fair, and stands for people getting what they deserve, so that the good prosper and the wicked are punished.
- C. Job is a good person.

Which of these three will you set aside to believe the other two?

A & B (not C) – The perspective of Job's friends - Schadenfreude, blaming the victim

A & C (not B) – Job's conclusion - God not bound by our understanding of justice/fairness

B & C (not A) – God's response – There are some things God doesn't control

What do you take from this exploration of the Job story?

How does it relate to your experiences of suffering?

**Birthdays**

**Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer**