

Eliphaz - Job 4:1-5:27

Topics: Advice, Answers, Circumstances, Confidence, Discipline, Discouragement, God, Humanness, Life-style, Repentance, Sin, Suffering, Wisdom

Open It

- * 1. When is it hard to accept the advice of a friend?
- 2. When was the last time you were discouraged by the advice a friend gave you?
- 3. How might a person's life-style negatively or positively impact his or her life?

Explore It

- 4. What did Eliphaz say that Job had done in the past? (4:2-6)
- * 5. What did Eliphaz say about Job's piety and confidence? (4:6)
- * 6. According to Eliphaz, why do bad things happen to people? (4:7-11)
 - 7. How did Eliphaz receive the message brought to him? (4:12-16)
 - 8. What kind of people die without wisdom? (4:17-21)
 - 9. Whom does resentment kill? (5:2)
 - 10. To what did Eliphaz say a person is born? (5:7)
 - 11. To whom did Eliphaz say Job should appeal? (5:8)
 - 12. What type of things did Eliphaz say God did? (5:9-15)
 - 13. According to Eliphaz, why did God do what He had done? (5:16)
 - 14. Why did Eliphaz tell Job not to despise the discipline of God? (5:17-18)
 - 15. What did Eliphaz tell Job would happen when God rescued him? (5:19-26)
- * 16. What did Eliphaz tell Job to do? (5:27)

Get It

- * 17. How would you summarize Eliphaz's speech?
- * 18. What was wrong with Eliphaz's advice?
 - 19. How is a person's life-style his or her confidence?
 - 20. In what way are people who do evil paid back with evil?
 - 21. What type of people die without wisdom, and why?
 - 22. How do resentment and envy "kill" people?
 - 23. When have you felt like taking your case before God?
 - 24. Why is it easy to despise the discipline of God?
 - 25. How do you normally react when bad things happen to you?
 - 26. Why might a person think God is punishing him or her when something bad happens?
 - 27. Why might you be tempted to think that bad things happen only to people who somehow deserve it?

Apply It

- 28. What is something negative about your life-style that you want to change this week?
- * 29. What is one way in which you will be more sensitive when giving advice to someone who is hurting?