



## **SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Nothin' But Net – Week 2**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Speaker: Pastor CJ Johnson**

### **Opening Questions**

- Welcome! In this message, CJ discussed the “mamba mentality,” which was Kobe Bryant’s approach to the game. His drive, competitiveness, intense focus, and work ethic are well-documented. While everyone knows what he did (the hours of hard work and preparation), very few have ever tried to duplicate his process. Why do you think that is? Discuss what it takes to be great in the eyes of the world. How about in the eyes of God?
- G.K Chesterton once stated, “The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.” How does this relate to the questions above? How have you experienced this?

### **Open Your Group with Prayer**

- Ask someone to open in prayer and bless your discussion together.

### **Scripture Passages**

- Groups will begin the discussion by reading some of the message's key scriptures aloud. Please assign the following to read: Job Chapter 1, Job 2:9-10, Job 19:25, Job 38:1-7, Job 42:1-3

### **Initial Discussion Question**

- What stood out to you from the sermon? Did you have any initial takeaways from this week's message?

### **Questions from the Message**

- The amount of pain, difficulty, hardship, and grief that Job experienced is honestly difficult to fathom. We have all been through arduous seasons and most likely experienced moments of, “Why me, Lord?” If you are comfortable sharing, what is a time in your life that was incredibly difficult for you? When you went through that period, how did you respond to God? What did you handle well? What didn't you handle well?
- Job’s response to this extreme season of pain and hardship was worship (Job 1:20). As we stay faithful, there will be moments when we want to give up. How do we remain steadfast in the face of difficult circumstances?
- Job is assigned a Never-Envisioned Task but brings a Never-Ending Trust in God. At times, God is working things out that we are all unaware of; in Job’s case, God allows Job to triumph over the devil himself. These valleys in our lives often lead us to something unforeseen. Have you ever been assigned a never-envisioned task? What has God asked you to step into blindly, and you now know why? Did an extreme valley ever lead to a mountain-top moment? How is your trust in God now as you prepare for something unexpected?
- There was a time when people lived with radical, audacious, and fantastic faith. They took God at His word and lived fully surrendered to His will. Too often, we want to experience the God of the Bible without living like the people of the Bible. What would happen if the documented faith became a duplicated faith?

### **Challenge and Application**

- What is God challenging you to do in response to this discussion? Get practical. What will you do this week?

### **Close Your Group with Prayer**

- Pray together for your application and response points from your discussion as a group. Share any praises, joys, or areas of concern. How can this group be praying for you and your family this week? *(Please ask someone to distribute these via GroupMe, text, or email so you can pray for one another throughout the week.)*