STUDY QUESTIONS *Marriage and the Storms of Life* Job 2

1. Job's wife is mentioned only very briefly in the text (2:9-10). Think through how Job's suffering affected her.

2. Why would she say to Job, *Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.*

3. Though it will require reading between the lines, explain what might have been her emotional state at the time.

4. Why did she not come forward with this earlier, after all ten of her children had been killed?

5. How do the 'storms' of life tend to affect husbands and wives differently?

6. What is the best advice a spouse can give to his or her partner when life gets really hard?

7. What are the positive things that could be said about her, considering the outcome of the story as well as this conversation in ch. 2? Is there anything at all?

8. If you are a wife, how would you react if your husband told you the same thing Job told his wife?

9. Was there a time in your life when someone who loved you or was close to you gave you bad advice?

10. The message included the statement – *It is easier to lower your view of God than to raise your faith to such a height.* Can you think of ways we tend to 'lower our view of God' when hard times come? What are they?

11. Does the presence of evil or tragedy in the world disprove either God's existence or His goodness? Why or why not?

12. Spend some time in prayer, asking God to show you the ways you may be viewing Him that are unbiblical or less than this book demonstrates.