

## The Valley Of Shadows

**Review it:** Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### Discuss it:

1. Are you waiting for God to answer a prayer right now? Describe.
2. How quickly do you expect God to answer your request?
3. Is it hard for you to wait for the answer?
4. When you've gone through dark times what kept you going? What sustained you and brought you through it?
5. What is one good thing that can come out of our trials? What happens when we get our minds off ourselves and our situation and reach out to help others?  
-2 Corinthians 1:3-5
6. Someone has said that "gratitude determines the altitude of your attitude." Can anyone or anything ever really prevent you from praising and thanking God? Why?  
-1 Thessalonians 5:18
7. Can you set aside an hour, a half a day or a day this week where you try not to complain about anything, but rather look for things you can be thankful for? Will you then share with your group or another person how that felt to you?
8. Job went through the worst of times. What sustained Job through his trials? Which promises of God sustain you through trouble?  
-Job 19:25-26
9. Although Job's disasters weren't his fault, his "comforters" insisted Job's own mistakes (sins) were the cause. Have you ever been tempted to agree to some wrong you didn't really commit, just to get people off your back? In the end, what did God say about Job's accusers?  
-Job 42:7-8
10. God rebuked Job for demanding an answer, and charging God with injustice, not for asking why. How did God respond to Job's demands? What was Job's reaction when God rebuked him? How did God then respond to Job?  
-Job 19:6-7; 38:1-4; 33; 40:14; 41:11; 42:1-2, 5-17
11. Although the Bible says a man, "reaps what he sows," it also says we can be forgiven every sin. What is required for forgiveness? Do you sometimes have trouble accepting forgiveness? Why?  
-Galatians 6:7-10  
-1 John 1:9-10

**Pray about it**