

9. The author states “God never explains to us what He is doing or why.” This is true as far as our knowing all of God’s reasons for an action. But what do the following verses teach about God’s purpose in difficult situations?

a. Job. 1:9-12, 20-22, 2:4-6, 10

b. Gen. 50:20

c. Rom. 8:28-29

d. John 9:1-3

e. Heb. 12:10-11

f. Rom. 15:4, 1 Cor. 10:11

10. How do we think answering the question “why?” will help deal with difficult situations?

11. What problems are produced when a person demands an answer to the question “why?”

12. What verse(s) would help a person trust God when tempted to insist on knowing why?

13. What do Is. 55:8-9 and Rom. 11:33-34 teach about our ability to understand God’s reasoning behind His actions.

14. Even though we think knowing “why?” will help us, what is the best help according to Is. 26:3, 12:2, Ps. 125:1, 18:2 and Prov. 3:5-6? What help is given in those verses?

15. What responses to difficulty are taught in Deut. 8:3, Ps. 119:71 and Ps. 94:12?

16. What do Job 1:12, 2:6, Prov. 21:30, 19:21, Rom. 8:31 and Gen. 50:20 teach about the thinking and planning of our adversaries?

17. What is taught about God’s wisdom in 1 Kings 3:12-13, Ezra 7:25, Dan. 2:21 and Prov. 8:14-16?

Trusting God Chapter 8 Application Questions

1. List some occasions when you think God was chastening you?

2. How did you respond to those occasions?

3. What character of Christ could God have been trying to develop in you in each of those situations?

4. What responses would have helped you develop those Christ-like characteristics?

5. List some times when you are tempted to ask God, "why?"

6. What principles and verses from this lesson will help you deal with those times in a victorious way?