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# GOD NEVER SAID THAT.

## Week 2: Whenever God Closes a Door, He Opens A Window...



People have a lot to say when it comes to God. God is real. God is not real. Here's what God says. Here's what God thinks. Pop theology has made its way into our worship music, blogging, social media sites, and yes, even sometimes Bible Studies and sermons. This series, we will examine six of the most common forms of pop theology...

and then look to the Scriptures to see what God might say to us instead.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when someone made an unhelpful comment after a difficult moment, a loss, or a situation didn't go as planned. Why do you think they said what they did?
2. On Sunday, we explored the pop theology statement, "Whenever God closes a door, He opens a window." We learned about the dichotomy between flesh and Spirit, and how living for God sometimes means the loss of our own plan for the greater good of God's plan.

Was this difficult or easy to accept? Take the time and care to debate this as a group.

3. *Read Job 42:1-17.* Job might be one of the best examples of someone who experienced a number of tragedies and faced a great deal of unhelpful advice from three of his friends (over 30 chapters in the Scriptures!). In the end, God confronted Job, but never offered an answer for his struggles.

How does Job respond to God in 42:1-7?

What might this say to us about God's plans and purposes for us?

How does God respond to Job's friends who offered the unhelpful advice?

In what ways does this serve as a potential word of correction or warning about unhelpful advice?

4. (25 minutes) Break into groups of men and women. Find separate areas of your meeting space. **Be careful to listen, empathize, and offer prayer for each person...** (a) What was one of the greatest disappointments in your life? (b) What was the outcome of the disappointment, how did the experience change or shape you, how do you feel/think about this today versus the time in which the disappointment happened? (c) Do you think/feel that God worked for the greater good out of this disappointment?

### BE THE REVOLUTION

God might open windows for us. The key is that they're his windows.

### RENOVATING THE HEART

I know you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted (*Job 42:2*).