What is the Last Word?

# Job 42

* Job spoke with too little understanding (42:3-6) but his friends were wrong (42:7-8). What is the difference and why does God think it is important?
* How do we take the facts that we like or know, and come to wrong conclusions? How often do we do that or see it (just look at the news for a moment)? Why is humility important in our dealings with one another?
* What is God doing by only accepting a sacrifice prayer from Job for his friends? How might that affect the relationship between all of them?
* How is Job like Naomi where God refills an emptied-out life? See Ruth 1:20-21; 4:13-16. What did both of them lose that could never be made the same? Why is that part of real life?
* The Bible does not minimize our pain and loss; Job’s people console and comfort him (42:11). What are things that can never be replaced? On the other hand, if we lose someone close to us, what about them can never be taken away from us?
* How are we different after loss and pain, especially if we remain with the Lord?
* Does God ever owe us anything? Why is refilling a life (42:10-17) NOT a reward for patience, but rather a gift?
* What gifts are you grateful for everyday? What amazes you about God’s gifts?
* What do we learn by having been with Job for a while? (God is good? I don’t really know what most things mean?...).