

Bible chat, week starting 14th November 2021

- Share your thoughts about what Remembrance Day means for you. Are you remembering particular people? How helpful is it to continue this annual tradition?
- **Read Job chapter 36.** This is a new speaker, Elihu. Share some examples of him expressing the same old theology: that a suffering person is being punished for their sin.
- Identify some more helpful or positive messages in Elihu's words, if you think there are any.
- David made much of verse 16 with its picture of Job being wooed from the jaws of distress.
 - What picture does this bring to your mind? What truths does it convey?
 - Why might it be the case that, only at the eleventh hour, do we see the love of God rescuing us?
 - Why is life sometimes so hard?
 - Read also verse 17 and reflect on the contrast between having a table laden with food and a life laden with judgement. How much choice does a suffering person have about their experience of suffering, and about its meaning?
- **Read Mark 4: 35 - 41.**
- In a moment of dire need, Jesus is asleep! What message is Mark conveying by telling the story this way?
- What lessons might you draw from our themes today, for yourself, for the church and for the world?