

Bible chat, week starting 21st November 2021

- Share stories about the exchanging of gifts amongst families and friends. Why do we give gifts to each other? Does a gift create a sense of obligation for the receiver of the gift? Can we ever give a gift without a suggestion, however slight, that the receiver might now need to give something back to us?
- In our sermon, David likened the attitude of Job's friends towards God to a vending machine. Explore this analogy. What does it mean to put money in the machine? What do Job's friends expect to get back? What happens when the vending machine doesn't seem to work properly?
- How might God view those of us who approach God as if he were a vending machine?
- Try to sketch out the characteristics of the relationship God seeks with humanity.
- How does your own relationship with God fit in with this?
- Share any reflections or questions you may have after your own reading **Job chapters 38 - 41**.
- Does science tell us more about God, or leave less room for God to be needed in our worldview? Can you give any examples to illustrate your view?
- Try to think out some limits to proper scientific exploration or human endeavour.