



THE TRIAL OF JOB

Art Reflection

PAINTING INFORMATION

- Title is “Job and His Friends”
- Painted by Russian artist Ilya Repin in 1869
- Realism depiction of Job, his wife, and his friends grieving over his impoverished conditions

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is Job’s appearance? How does it contrast to the appearance of his friends?
- Look at the use of colour:
 - Where does the artist use brilliance and light?
 - Where does the artist use darkness?
- Notice the positions of each of the five characters:
 - What does Job’s body language communicate?
 - His wife has her hand on her head
 - One friend is sitting, one is standing, and the third is tearing his robe
- Does Job look as if he has lost hope or trust in God?
- Satan often tries to alienate us from God, to get us to blame God for our suffering. How is this depicted in the painting?
- If you were a character in this painting, who would you be and why?