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## Week 1 | God Is Not Small

**This week, all of our LifeGroups will sync up and do Member Checkup during their group time. That Checkup link is [here](#).** Member checkup has two purposes: How are you doing, and how we're doing as your pastors. Going through Member Checkup as a LifeGroup together allows folks to share their responses with their group and keeps everyone in the loop on how one another is doing.

**Leaders, plan on Member Checkup taking up the majority of your group time this week.** Each section will be introduced by a video you will watch together, and then everyone will answer questions on their own device. Members of your group will then have an opportunity to share with one another.

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete Member Checkups! **If for some reason your group will be unable to complete Member Checkups this week, please let Groups Team know ASAP & plan to complete them during group time by March 28th.**

-Pastor Allen and Pastor Ryan



### 1. Catch Up On Life:

*As a church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10, 15).*

*Suggested time: 10-20 minutes*

- How are you doing?
- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week? When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- Do you have any practical needs? (If so, please visit our [Needs](#) page)

### 2. Review the Mission:

*Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

*Suggested time: 10-20 minutes*

- **People:** Who in your life can you be building with right now? What does that look like during this season?
- **Plan:** Are there any rhythms planned (virtual or in-person) that we can invite these friends into? What spiritual conversations do you want to initiate with them soon?
- **Pray:** Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, opportunities to connect, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

### 3. Sermon Discussion:

*God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12, and James 1:22-25).*

*Suggested Time: 20-40 minutes*

#### i. Scripture Discussion

Primary Passages: **Job 38-42**

Have everyone silently read to themselves **Job 38-42**. Spend some time silently reflecting and journaling the following questions as a LifeGroup.

- What stands out from the passage?
- What does this passage reveal to us about God?
- What does this passage reveal to us about people?
- Share with one another what you thought, reflected, and wrote about.

#### ii. Sermon Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon?

What doubts and questions do you have about God? How would you tend to characterize your questions - as genuinely seeking understanding or are they more accusatory?

In the sermon we said that despite our doubts we know the following:

- 1. If we have a God who is big enough to question, we have a God who is big enough to have reasons we don't understand.**
- 2. God loves you and the Cross is the undeniable proof of that.**

In light of these truths, what's one thing you can do to grow in your understanding/relationship with God?

### 4. Engage the Heart:

*Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)*

*Suggested Time: 10-20 minutes*

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For those participating in the Lent season through fasting, how's that been going? What's been challenging? What's the Lord been teaching you?

[followingjesustgether.com/fasting](http://followingjesustgether.com/fasting)

- How are you doing abiding with Jesus this week (Scripture and prayer)?
- What sin do you need to confess to God? What are you struggling to trust Jesus with this week? How can you give Him control of it? (As people confess sin, make sure to remind one another of the good news Jesus offers. If need be, use the worksheet "Go-to Verses for Gospel Fluency" at [FollowingJesusTogether.com/confession](http://FollowingJesusTogether.com/confession))

**Pray:** Close your time together by praying for one another

- Pray for the Spirit to work in you as you take steps of repentance
- Pray for God to meet the needs of those in your group
- Pray for the sick and vulnerable at this time of crisis