

He is Greater than Me

May 15, 2022 CG Discussion Guide

CATCHING UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. 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 and 15) Suggested time: 10 minutes

- 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?

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 because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20) · Suggested time: 10-15 minutes

- People:
 - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
 - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, Serve CLT partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Charlotte)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?
- Plan:
 - Are there any hangouts already planned, or an extra hangout we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?
- Pray:
 - Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

SCRIPTURE AND 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. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Community Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25) · Suggested Time: 30-40 minutes

Read Job 38:1-7 and recap the sermon.

1. What stood out to you from the Scriptures or the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?

Read Job 1:1-12.

In the sermon, we said that the story of Job helps us wrestle with the question - "What do we do when God doesn't make sense to us?"

2. What are times in your life (or right now) where God or what He is doing doesn't seem to make sense?

Quotes from the sermon:

- "A god small enough to be understood is not big enough to be worshiped." Evelyn Underhill
- "A God we can predict, instruct, and control is not a God who will captivate our affection or command our devotion. He's not God enough." JD Greear
- 3. What are ways you are tempted to "shrink" God into a version you like or can understand? How was this sermon or passage convicting or encouraging as you consider the greatness of God?

Read Job 38:1.

In the midst of Job's questions, God in His greatness stoops down to be with Job and invite Him into a relationship. In the midst of our questions, confusions, and doubts, we don't need perspective, we need relationship with God.

- 4. How is God inviting you to trust and relationship in your questions and doubts right now? How might your suffering, loss, or discontentment drive you further towards God, instead of away from Him?
- 5. Pray for yourself, your group, and our church that we would be a people who move towards God in our questions, doubts, and uncertainty.

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: 30-45 minutes