

BETTER

J E S U S I S G R E A T E R

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Luke 24:13–35

Topic: Christ in the Old Testament

Big Idea of the Message: All of Scripture is about Jesus.

Application Point: Since Jesus is the point of Christianity, we should search for his presence throughout the Bible, including the Old Testament.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why do you think Jesus would spend time teaching this to these disciples?
3. What happens when we think all of Scripture is about us?
4. How can we be better at spotting Jesus in the Old Testament?
5. How is Jesus the main point of Christianity?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Genesis 3:1–7; Matthew 26:36–46

Topic: Temptation, Weaknesses

Big Idea of the Message: While he did not succumb, Jesus knows what it is to be tempted and can sympathize with us when we go through the same.

Application Point: When we feel tempted, we should turn to the One who can empathize with such an experience and receive his strength to overcome.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What would happen to the way we view Jesus if we didn't know about Genesis 3?
3. What makes someone easy to confide in?
4. Describe how you picture God.
5. How does the image of Jesus in these Scriptures differ from the gods and leaders of other religions?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Hosea 3:1–5

Topic: God's Grace, Compassion, Empathy

Big Idea of the Message: God is willing to do the unthinkable to restore his kingdom and our relationship with him.

Application Point: Through the story of Hosea, we can better understand God's love for us despite our sin.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why is it important that Hosea go and get his wife back?
3. What would have happened if Hosea or Jesus weren't obedient in their similar tasks?
4. How does this inform how we're to love others?
5. How does this story help us empathize with God's position toward us?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Genesis 22:1–14

Topic: The Love of God, Self-Giving

Big Idea of the Message: God sacrificing his Son to save us shows just how much he loves us.

Application Point: When we doubt God's love, we can look to the cross and know for sure that he does.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What makes someone willing to make a major sacrifice for someone else?
3. How has love been shown you to in your life?
4. What kind of person is hard to act out your love for?
5. How can your devotional time this week stretch you and help you to show others more love?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 5

Text: Jonah 1:7–16

Topic: Wrath, Repentance, Forgiveness

Big Idea of the Message: While Jonah faces the storm for his own disobedience, Jesus takes on the wrath of the storm on the behalf of others—all sinners.

Application Point: Jesus saved us when we were enemies of God; now he calls us to reach out to others who are far from God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why would Mark write Mark 4:35–41 almost exactly like the story of Jonah being thrown overboard?
3. What are some other illustrations the Bible uses to show God's wrath?
4. How does it hurt our understanding of salvation when we minimize God's wrath and judgment?
5. Why is it hard for us to show others the same grace that we want for ourselves?
6. How can I pray for you?