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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS





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Week 1

Text: Genesis 1:1–31

Topics: Creation, the Beginning

Big Idea of the Message: This week will focus on the beginning of life, as God created it.

Application Point: We can live out the life God has called us to when we understand where we came from.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the importance of God's role as Creator?
3. What does it mean that God looked on everything in his creation and called it good?
4. How does the apparent state of harmony (and, eventually, entropy) highlight God's intentionality in creation?
5. What does it mean to exist in the state that God created us to? What might that look like?
6. What are the consequences of departing from God's intended design?
7. How can we pray for you?



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Week 2

Text: Genesis 3:6–7

Topics: The Fall, Sin

Big Idea of the Message: This week we will examine our fall from grace into a sinful existence.

Application Point: By learning what we lost in the fall, we can better understand our need to regain it.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What were the immediate consequences of the fall?
3. What role does shame play in our separation from God as a result of sin?
4. What are some of the other consequences God introduces as a result of Adam and Eve's actions? How evident are they in your life?
5. How do we see our need for God because of the fall?
6. How has that need for God shown up in your own testimony?
7. How can we pray for you?



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Week 3

Text: Genesis 12:1–3

Topics: Promises, Redemption, Chosen People

Big Idea of the Message: God's process of redeeming people unto himself begins with his promise to Abraham and extends through the promise of the Messiah.

Application Point: By examining God's promises to his people, we can begin to understand God's faithfulness and the progression of his work toward salvation.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the importance of the covenants with God's chosen people?
3. What role did the Law play in our understanding of our separation from God?
4. What do you believe is the importance of God establishing the Davidic line?
5. What role has trust played in salvation history?
6. How has seeing the role of trust impacted your view of your relationship with God?
7. How can we pray for you?



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Week 4

Text: John 1:14; 3:16

Topics: Jesus, Savior, Salvation, Christology

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus came to us as the ultimate fulfillment of all of God's promises.

Application Point: By accepting Christ as Savior, we partake in the fulfillment of God's promises to us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the importance of understanding the core truths of Jesus's person (Christology)?
3. Why is it necessary that Christ is fully divine and fully human?
4. What do you think Christ meant in the distinction between fulfilling the Law and abolishing the Law?
5. What does it mean for us to live according to the Law vs. being called to live according to the Spirit (Romans 8:1–8)?
6. What roles do Christ's death and resurrection play in our salvation?
7. How can we pray for you?



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Week 5

Text: Acts 1:6–8, 2:1–4

Topics: Holy Spirit, Church

Big Idea of the Message: The Holy Spirit came to complete God's work on earth.

Application Point: By understanding the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we are able to partake in God's work on earth.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the primary reason Christ sent the Holy Spirit?
3. What benefits do we experience by becoming empowered by the Holy Spirit?
4. What is the importance of the Holy Spirit to Christianity, as a whole?
5. How can we allow the Holy Spirit to have a bigger part in our daily lives?
6. What do you think would change in your life if you let that happen?
7. How can we pray for you?



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Week 6

Text: Mark 16:15–18

Topics: Role of the Church, Christianity

Big Idea of the Message: This week looks at the role of the church in light of salvation history.

Application Point: By understanding the role of the church, we can begin to take part in it.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the overall imperative of the Great Commission?
3. How might we think of the Great Commission in terms of "last standing orders"?
4. How can we fulfill the Great Commission in our daily lives?
5. What steps can we take to make that happen?
6. How can we pray for you?