



## **Group Discussion Guide: God Is Able | September 19, 2021**

### **Begin with Scripture + prayer (15 minutes).**

**Read Psalm 29.** Once finished, spend a few moments in prayerful silence. Finally, after conversation have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

### **Split out into triads and recap last week's devotionals (20 minutes).**

- As you think over your past week, what words, phrases, Scriptures, etc. stood out to you? What was the most significant thing? Why?
- Which day of devotionals was your favorite? Why?
- Did you sense any action steps from God this past week as a result of your reflections?

### **Come back together as a large group, read Scripture, and debrief the sermon as one large group (45 minutes).**

- What stood out from your smaller group discussions from your devotions this past week?
- What from the sermon this past weekend stood out to you? What resonated? What challenged you?
- In this sermon, guest Michael DeFazio had three points: (1) That God is able to take care of everything; (2) God's ability often looks like inability; and (3) God is able to take care of YOU. Which of these resonated most? Why? Which are you best at living in the reality of? Which do you need to grow in?
- **Read Ephesians 3:20-21.** This verse says that God can do more than we 1) ask and 2) imagine. What are the things you find yourself asking God about these days?
- Where are the areas in your life where you reach the limits of your imagination as it pertains to God's power and concern in your life?
- What barriers do you think exist for people when it comes to people confidently declaring, "Yes! God is able!"? What barriers do you experience?
- How is trust a key part of believing that God is able? What role does trust play? What might it look like for you to trust God's power and concern more?



- What role might accurate beliefs about God help you to trust and love Him more? Do you succumb to mental laziness when it comes to God? Where do you need to press in more mentally?
- What does the cross say to you about God's power and concern and ability for you personally? What does the cross say about God's power and concern and ability generally (**Read 1 Corinthians 1:20-25 and 2:2-5**).

**Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.