



## **Group Discussion Guide: God Is \_\_\_\_\_. | August 8, 2021**

### **Begin with Scripture, silence + prayer (5 minutes)**

**Read Psalm 103** to begin your time together. This series is all about the character of God, so use this Psalm to open your time. It gives us a great example of what it looks like to praise God for who He is and what He has done.

When you're finished reading, spend 2-3 minutes together in prayerful silence. Know that God is in your midst. Where two or three are gathered, so too, is God there. This time and space is sacred. It's valuable. It's not a waste.

Finally, after a few moments of quiet centering, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

### **Review the life group participant covenant (10 minutes).**

Spend a few moments to read through the life group participant covenant on **pages 10-11** in your GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_. books. Once finished, ask your group two questions:

1. What from this covenant have we done well as a group that we'd like to celebrate?
2. What from this covenant do you think our group needs to press into more over this sermon series?

One important step in assuring a healthy life group is making sure that expectations are clear, that you and your group are pursuing the same goals, and that you are each committed to showing up to the group physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.



**Read the GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_. book overview (5 minutes).**

Read the “How to Use This Book” section in the GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ books found on **pages 4-5**. This will set the tone for what you can expect from this study book and from the sermon series as a whole.

To get the most out of this series, we’re encouraging each person to do the daily devotions found in the study book, to engage with the sermon each week, and to come prepped for group time with thoughts, reflections, and prayerful considerations.

The goal is to meet God in His Word, to get the Scriptures to soak into the core of who we are, and then to metabolize the words of God into acts of love in whatever scenario we find ourselves.

Ask your group members if they have any questions.

**Intro to the GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ series (30 minutes).**

As you jump into this series, ask each person what they’re hoping to get out of this series.

Take some time before diving into this week’s sermon to talk about your responses to the content, questions, and exercise on **pages 12-15** of your GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_. books.

- Ask your group about the Tozer and Lewis quotes on **page 13**.
- Ask your group about what they circled on **page 14**.
- Ask your group how reflecting on those things went and what they jotted down on **page 15**.

*Note: If your group didn’t do pages 12-15 before meeting, that’s okay! Either take some extra time to split out and answer those questions now or have people do those questions and the exercise before you meet up again!*



### Read Scripture and debrief the sermon as one large group (30 minutes)

- **Read Genesis 1:1; Malachi 3:6; John 1:1-5; Acts 17:24-28; Romans 11:36; Colossians 2:15-17; Revelation 1:8.** What do these verses say about God's eternal, unchanging nature?
- What from the sermon stood out to you? What challenged you?
- Is there anything about God that was new to you? Or said in a new way?
- What does it mean that God is not contingent on anything or anyone? Why is that important for us to understand do you think?
- Have you ever struggled with the question, "If God created everything...who created God?" How do you wrestle through a question like that?
- Read **Exodus 3:1-15**. What happens in this story? Why is it important that Moses know that God is the God who always was, always is, and always will be? Why is a truth like that important for our own lives?
- In this sermon, Dan mentioned that God is knowable. Do you feel like you know God? What does that mean to you? What does it mean to know God? See **Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:3; Philippians 3:7-8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 4:7**.
- Do you agree or disagree that the most important pursuit in one's life (more than a marriage, more than financial success, et al.) is to know God? Why or why not? How are you making that a priority in your everyday life?
- How can we help one another pursue knowing God deeper in a more tangible, practical way this week?

### 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.