

Psalm 115:3

²¹ Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Background

No matter how hard any of us may try, we can neither predict nor control the future. For the follower of Christ, though, this reality should not produce an anxious heart, but point us to the One who has been and always will be in control of everything. Today, Pastor Jimmy Knott will remind us to rest in the promise that God alone is in control and encourage us to see how this truth changes our daily living.

Service Notes

Since God alone is in control:

- My plans must be: _____
- My problems must be: _____
- My prayers must be: _____

What is your biggest takeaway from today's message?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Instructions

This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.

Getting Started

- ▼ If there is anyone new to the group, have them introduce themselves and share what motivated them to participate in this Life Group. Then quickly introduce everyone else in your group (if less than ten people).

Talk it Over

- ▼ What stood out the most to you in the message this week?
- ▼ Most of us, if not all, struggle with ‘control issues’ in our lives. What seems to be the last area of your life that you are willing to surrender to God? Why is this one area so difficult?
- ▼ **Read James 4:13-17; Proverbs 16:9.** How does this passage shape our understanding of depending upon God in our everyday life? What does this passage teach us about facing our own “control” issues?
- ▼ **Read Luke 12:22-31.** How should this passage change our daily routines in work, rest, or family life? Does your prayer life reflect a heart that trusts God is in control? If not, why not? How can this change?

Live it Out

- ▼ What is one practical step you can take this week to know God more so that your trust in Him will also grow?