

## CONCORDIA CHURCH GROWTH GROUPS

*Fixer-Upper:*

*How Jesus launches His big restoration project*  
Week 2 – Jesus transcends space and time

### Introduction to Growth Groups

*In growth groups you can meet new friends, and continue talking about what God is teaching you through the current message series this week. Please note:*

- *Start each GROWTH GROUP session by ASKING GOD to bless your time together, and to speak to you through His Word, the Bible. And...expect that He will.*
- *There may be more material here than you can cover in the time allotted for your group. It is more important to spend time discussing the questions people have than to get through every Bible passage on the sheet. Page references are for the GOD'S WORD translation that is used in church on Sunday.*
- *Reserve time for PRAYER at the end of the session.*
- *Make it a PRIORITY to be in church at Concordia on Sunday. The Sunday message is the starting point for the GROUP DISCUSSION.*

### REVIEW - Choose one of the following to discuss.

- a) When Jesus changed water into wine (John 2:1-11), He demonstrated His creative and re-creative power. As you've thought about that this week, how does it make you feel to know that even the things that are over your head are under God's feet?
- b) When Jesus changed water into wine (John 2:1-11), He demonstrated that He's a God who cares about "the small stuff" and ordinary things. As you've thought about that this week, how does that make you feel about God? When was it helpful to remember that this week?
- c) READ COLOSSIANS 1:20 (The Message) "*All the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.*"

This series is called "FIXER UPPER". How does the Bible passage point to what's coming up in "the great reveal"? What things did you see when Jesus changed water into wine (John 2:1-11) that also foreshadowed Holy Week?

### DIGGING IN – Read John 4:43-54

1) In the stage of life that you're in right now, what in this event strikes you most? Why?

What does that part of the event reveal about God? Why is that important for you to know right now?

2) In the stage of life that you're in right now, what part of this event do you struggle with most? Why?

How can you overcome those struggles?

3. Jesus shows us, in this miracle, that He is not limited to time and space. How do you see the following Bible verses applying to that big idea?

- **Psalm 50:15** Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you and you will glorify me.
- **Philippians 4:6** In every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests, while giving thanks.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** Never stop praying.
- **Romans 12:12** (the Message) - Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder
- **Ephesians 1:16-20** <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, <sup>17</sup>asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup>I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. <sup>19</sup>I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup>that raised Christ from the dead.
- **Ephesians 6:18** Pray in the Spirit in every situation. Use every kind of prayer and request there is.
- **Colossians 4:3** At the same time also pray for us. Pray that God will give us an opportunity to speak the word so that we may tell the mystery about Christ.
- **1 Timothy 2:1-2** (the Message) The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.

4. What would help you be more persistent in prayer for others? Who, specifically, do you need to pray for this week, even though you're not physically close to them? What will help you to do that?