



Waymaker - Week 1

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This weekend, Pastor Tim reminds us just how great and powerful our God is.

NOTE: We are sending this out early, so your families can spend time watching service and discussing the Study Guide together! If you're looking for some virtual ways to connect with your Small Group, check out [Zoom](#) or [Google Hangouts](#)!

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Let's keep talking about the elephant in the room - it hasn't gone anywhere! How are you doing with all the latest coronavirus stuff? What are some of the thoughts and emotions you've been feeling?
2. As we've adjusted to some new normals (kids at home, working from home, etc), talk about something you've been grateful for amidst the circumstances. It may be something you've been able to do this week that you aren't usually able to.

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. If the number one commandment is to love God, we should know who God is.
2. God says His name is "Yahweh" to Moses, which means, "I am."
3. If God is who He says He is, He's got everything under control.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Exodus 3:1-14; 1 Samuel 17:45-47; Psalm 8:1-9, 90:2; Isaiah 40:10-31; John 3:16, 8:58

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that stuck out to you. What made it resonate with you?
2. Not all of us have major burning bush moments, as God speaks to us in a variety of ways. Talk about how you often hear God speak to you. If there has been a time recently, share about that, too!
3. Read Mark 4:35-41. This is a famous story, for a variety of reasons. It shows that while Jesus' disciples experience great fear of the storms, the waves and the winds, Jesus remains unmoved. Not only that, but he remains in control of those things. Talk about a time you were able to see God amidst a storm/situation you were in. How did you experience him bring peace into it?
4. Hearing God's voice might sometimes be obvious - like a burning bush. Other times, it might require us looking and listening through the *storm*. In the storm, the disciples were *together*. Talk about some people in your life who help you through those kinds of situations.
5. Pastor Tim reminded us how great and powerful God is. A first step to processing our fears and worries can be naming them, but bringing them to God is the best thing we can do. Take the next few minutes and talk to God. Tell Him about some of your fears. Then, tell you trust Him. Then, take some time to pray for each other.
6. As we go into this new week, let's look at the last verse we read, Mark 4:41. How could we be like the sea and the wind this week? Talk about something you and your family can do to trust and obey God this week. Maybe it's a new practice or discipline we can try (reading scripture each morning, praying each night, etc).

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for being in control of all things. Thank you for being here with us, always. Sometimes when the winds of the storm feel so overwhelming, we can forget that you're right there. And, we trust that you can bring peace into those situations. Help us live in obedience and trust in you this next week. We ask that you would bring us peace and protection, and that you would do the same for those in the world around us right now. We trust in you. We believe in you. We're listening for you this next week.

Amen.