



## **Group Guide: Focusing on God's Greatness**

### Opening Prayer

Key Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:11 (KJV) "Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."

### Discussion Questions:

1. How does focusing on God's greatness help us get through difficult times? Share a personal experience if you're comfortable.
2. The sermon mentions eight qualities of God in 1 Chronicles 29:11. Which one stands out to you the most and why?
3. How does understanding God's greatness in creation (e.g., the law of reproduction) impact your faith?
4. Pastor Tony shared his personal journey of returning to ministry. How has God used difficult seasons in your life to redirect or reaffirm your calling?
5. What are some "great highlights" of God's work that you've witnessed in your life or in the world around you?

### Key Takeaways:

1. Focusing on God's greatness helps us navigate challenging times.
2. God's greatness is evident in creation and scientific laws.
3. Our callings may evolve, but God remains faithful in guiding our paths.
4. Community plays a crucial role in supporting and restoring individuals in ministry.

### Practical Applications:

1. Memorize 1 Chronicles 29:11 this week and reflect on it daily.
2. Take time to observe nature and write down three ways you see God's greatness displayed.
3. Share a testimony of God's greatness with someone who is going through a difficult time.
4. Pray for the church leadership during this transition period.

**Closing Activity:** As a group, create a list of "God's Greatest Highlights" based on biblical accounts and personal experiences. Use this list as a source of encouragement and praise in your prayer time.

**Closing Prayer:** Thank God for His greatness and ask for His guidance in the church's transition period. Pray for each group member to remain focused on God's greatness in their daily lives.



Don't let the message end when the service does. Take these questions into your week—ask them at dinner, in the car, on a walk, or online. Let them open doors for faith to grow and for hearts to be stirred toward Jesus.

- How does focusing on God's greatness help us navigate difficult times in our lives? Can you share a personal experience where this perspective shift made a difference?
- What does it mean for God to 'own greatness', and how does this concept challenge our human understanding of greatness?
- How do the scientific laws of reproduction, as mentioned in the sermon, demonstrate God's greatness and creative power? What implications does this have for our faith?

- In what ways does the first verse of the Bible (Genesis 1:1) reveal God's greatness, and how does this impact our view of creation?
- How can we cultivate a habit of celebrating God's 'great highlights' in our daily lives, as mentioned in reference to Revelation 15:3?
- What can we learn from Pastor Tony's personal journey of returning to ministry after a period of hurt and disillusionment? How might this relate to our own spiritual journeys?
- How does the concept of having a 'primary calling' (like evangelism for Tony) apply to our own lives and spiritual gifts?
- What role does a supportive faith community play in helping individuals recover from spiritual setbacks and rediscover their calling?
- How can we balance recognizing our own limitations while still pursuing God's calling for our lives?
- What does it mean to be 'a small-town church with a big Kingdom impact', and how can we apply this concept to our own faith communities?



### **Day 1: The Greatness of God**

Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, Psalm 145:1-7

Devotional: As we begin this journey, let's focus on the awe-inspiring greatness of God. In 1 Chronicles 29:11, David proclaims, "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor." Take a moment to reflect on God's vastness and power. How does acknowledging His greatness change your perspective on your current challenges? Today, make a list of ways you've seen God's greatness in your life, no matter how small. Let this exercise remind you that the God who created the universe is intimately involved in your life.

### **Day 2: God's Creative Power**

Reading: Genesis 1:1-31, Colossians 1:15-17

Devotional: Genesis 1:1 tells us, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." The same God who spoke the universe into existence is the One who lovingly crafted you. Reflect on the intricate design of creation around you - from the stars in the sky to the complexity of your own body. How does recognizing God's creative power in your life inspire faith? Today, take a walk in nature or observe something in creation closely. Let it be a reminder of God's detailed care for you and His ability to create beauty from nothing.

### **Day 3: Returning to Your Calling**

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14, Ephesians 2:10

Devotional: God has a unique purpose for each of us. Sometimes, like the pastor in our story, we may stray from that calling due to hurt or discouragement. But God is always ready to welcome us back. Jeremiah 29:11 assures us, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Reflect on your own journey. Have there been times when you've felt

distant from God's calling? How has He drawn you back? Today, spend time in prayer, asking God to clarify or reaffirm His purpose for your life.

#### **Day 4: God's Faithfulness in Trials**

Reading: Romans 8:28-39, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Devotional: Life's challenges can sometimes make us question God's goodness. Yet, Romans 8:28 reminds us that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him." This doesn't mean all things are good, but that God can work good through all circumstances. Think about a difficult time in your life. How did God show His faithfulness during that period? How did that experience shape your faith? Today, if you're facing a trial, write a prayer of trust, declaring God's faithfulness even in the midst of your struggle.

#### **Day 5: The Power of Community**

Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Devotional: Oak Leaf's story of being used by God to help pastor Tony's return to ministry highlights the crucial role of a supportive faith community. Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together." Reflect on the people God has placed in your life to encourage your faith journey. How have they impacted your walk with God? Today, reach out to someone in your faith community to offer encouragement or express gratitude for their support. Consider how you can be more intentional about fostering meaningful connections within your church family.