

## Getting Started

1. If you could ask God one question, what would it be? Why?
2. What are the most important basic beliefs for Christians?
3. Is it possible to accept certain Christian beliefs and disregard others? Why or why not?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27:

**Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?**

A. The almighty and ever present power of God<sup>1</sup> by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures,<sup>2</sup> and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—<sup>3</sup>all things, in fact, come to us not by chance<sup>4</sup> but by his fatherly hand.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-28 <sup>2</sup> Heb. 1:3 <sup>3</sup> Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2 <sup>4</sup> Prov. 16:33 <sup>5</sup> Matt. 10:29

Do you believe that God upholds everything by his providence? What is a practical way for you to live that belief?

6. We know that God reveals himself through his creation (Psalm 19:1). How does the natural order prove that God is mighty and majestic?
7. Read Acts 14:17 and Romans 2:4. How do these verses and the world speak to God's providence? What else do they teach us about God?
8. Paul says that our service to God is not needed by God (Acts 17:15), yet we are called to serve God (Psalm 2:11), why?

## Application

9. It is important to be able to give shape to our beliefs. Often times we know what we believe, but we may not be able to define it clearly for others. This series aim is to help us be able to explain our beliefs and give scriptural support for those beliefs. Not only that, but it is also to help us live out our faith in God. What is one practical way that you can live your belief that God is almighty and the creator of heaven and earth?

