

GROUP GUIDE

NEWSPRING CHURCH

THE LIFE OF JOB
IT'S NOT ABOUT ME
WEEK 6



BIG IDEA

At some point, all of us have to come to grips with the fact that the world does not revolve around us. That was one of the keys to Job's blessed life. If you want to be blessed, then you've got to understand that "it's not about me!"

GET STARTED

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

What is your favorite commercial or advertisement you've seen recently? Why?

How would you sum up the message of all these commercials? What are they trying to convince you of?

> WATCH THE CLIP FROM PERRY NOBLE'S SERMON.

DISCUSS

Have you ever treated the church more like a restaurant than a family? What about now?

How can being involved in a local church help you realize that it's not all about you?

When we choose to stop being served and actually start serving in the context of the local church, God uses the church to remind us that it's not all about us.

Why do you think some churches aren't very involved in the community around them?

What kinds of things do you want the community around your campus to say about NewSpring?

What specifically are you involved in to make that happen?

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If we believe everything is all about us, it affects every part of our lives. How can that attitude affect your relationships? Finances? Work?

As long as we think we are the center of the universe, we will never live the blessed life God wants for us. The key to getting past this belief is seeing how big God really is. That's what Job found beginning in Job 38.

> **READ JOB 38:1-4,16-18,34-38.**

What was God's message back to Job?

Why do you think God spoke to Job about His great size, power, and knowledge?

How would that message have affected you if you were Job?

The world is bigger than we are. God's plan and purpose are bigger than we are, too. If we would stop focusing on the size of our problems and start focusing on the size of our God, then our problems would get smaller and smaller.

> **READ MATTHEW 28:18-20.**

What are some excuses you or others might make for not following this command of Jesus?

What does this command show us about what God wants?

Jesus commanded a group of 12 people with far less resources than we have to reach the entire world. If that's true for them, how much more does He expect from us? One of the ways that we get past ourselves is by focusing on the rest of the world, where Jesus has sent us to share the Gospel.

NEXT STEPS

Help your group identify what next steps we need to take together.

What is your next step in being involved in NewSpring or a local church?

What is your next step in being sent out in serving your community?

What is your next step in getting involved with NewSpring's global mission efforts?

PRAY

Thank God for showing us that the world doesn't revolve around us. Ask Him to help you continue to get past thinking that it's all about you.

LEADER TIPS

Midway through this week, send a follow-up email to your group with some or all of the following:

- Questions to consider as they continue to reflect on what they learned this week:
 - **Have you taken the next step toward NewSpring Ownership or getting involved in efforts to serve the community?**
 - **Check out newspring.cc/kenya to see how we are involved in globally sharing the Gospel.**
- A note of encouragement, following up on any specific prayer requests mentioned during your group gathering.
- The challenge to memorize John 17:15.