

Week 1: God is Undefeated

Theme: God's Sovereignty

Icebreaker:

Did you ever have a boss or teacher that made life difficult for you? Or made life easy for you? What was that like?

Message Bible Text:

Daniel 4:34,35; Romans 11:33,36

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What was your first impression when you heard the phrase reformed theology?
- 2. Do you have a childhood memory that showed you that God is in control? How have you seen that God is in control this week/month?
- 3. Do you have control issues? What currently do you have a hard time letting go of?
- 4. What happens when you try to take over and control your life?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Luke 1:46-55; Isaiah 46:9-10; John 16:33

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How does it make you feel to know that God is ruler over ALL things? ... including evil? (Isaiah 46:9-10)
- 2. Why does God allow bad things to happen? (John 16:33)

Take-Home Thoughts:

- God is in control and I am not. Either God is God of all or not at all.
- The church should always be "reforming" to the Word of God.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Pray for: The leaders and congregation at First Reformed for direction, wisdom and discernment for the RCA denomination decisions.
- The General Synod of the RCA meeting in October 2021.
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Memory Verse:

Isaiah 26:3-4 (NLT):

- 3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!
- 4 Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

Prayer:

God - Will you enter into the spaces that we aren't seeing you, so that we can? Give us hope and joy so that when we look upward and say, "God we behold you on your throne" we see a Father who loves us and is working all things for our good. Thanks, God, for being so, so big.