

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What are some of your favorite things to do in the sunshine?
2. Are there any summer plans you are looking forward too?

## DIGGING DEEPER

We start a new series in which we're discussing Who We Are and Who We Aren't both as a church and as individuals. In Part one there's a little bit of an explanation of what's behind the series AND the challenge to give up control to a Sovereign God who cares deeply for us!

1. Start with reading aloud Isaiah 14:4-6. What was the king of Babylon doing and to whom, that angered God to bring judgment? What major issues are important to God?
2. Next read Isaiah 14:13-17. Name 5 things that describe the king's attitude. Where do you see them appear in your own life?
3. Why is it important for us to attend to our own need for control in following Jesus? Read James 4:13-17. How does this challenge you?
4. Read aloud Genesis 2:16-17 and then Genesis 3:1-7. Why do you think God told Adam and Eve that death would be the result of eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil? What motive does the enemy have in enticing Adam and Eve? What occurred in the relationship between God and man after the fall?
5. Why is the desire to be in control a temptation? What is the sin issue with control? What does God desire to give us in place of control? How do you know?
6. Read aloud Isaiah 55:8-9. Does this truth comfort or disturb you? Why?

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### MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. What does God's Sovereignty mean to you? How do you show this in how you live?
2. What areas do you need to let go of control in your life to trust God?
3. What relationships is the Holy Spirit showing you reconciliation needs to happen in your life? What do you need to do to be obedient this week?