



***The Top Shelf* — Week 1: “The All-Powerful God”**

CONNECT: If you could pick up a new skill in an instant, what would it be and why?
OR: You must choose a fictional world that will become our new reality—which world would you choose?

GROW:

1. This first week of our new series was all about the omnipotence of God. Jon challenged us to *look up* in order to see the glory and power of God.
 - a. Read **Psalm 29**. Where do you see the power of God displayed in the world around you?
 - b. In our human minds, we often find the power of God to have an end. Even some of the most powerful forces on earth (tornados, hurricanes, wildfires) don't last forever. Have you ever caught yourself doubting that God is truly all-powerful?
 - i. How does meditating on the omnipotence of God challenge your view of daily life/struggles?
 - ii. How does meditating on the unfathomable nature of God's power help bring comfort?
2. Jon also challenged us to *look down*, specifically at God's Word.
 - a. Read **Hebrews 4:12-13**. Jon talked this week about the Bible *exposing* and *encouraging*. But the Holy Spirit can't use God's Word to do either one of those things if we never pick it up throughout the week.
 - i. What do you find challenging about trying to be in the Word?
 - ii. What is one thing you can add or eliminate this week in order to spend some time in Scripture?

PRAY: Praise God for who He is and what He has done. Pray that He would stir up a hunger in your heart for His Word and give you the strength to push past the challenges that prevent you from spending time with Him in Scripture.

NEXT: Read **Hebrews 5:11-14**. In these verses, the author of Hebrews is challenging the readers to feed themselves from God's Word. Whether you still feel like you need to be fed “milk,” or you feel confident in eating “solid food,” find one way to intentionally *look down* at God's Word this week. (Jon's nine questions to ask when reading the Bible is a great place to start!)