

## Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.

## Learning

### *Knowing God*

#### Key Doctrines

- *Creation* – God has created all things, thus all things belong to God.
- *Providence* – God is the sustainer and provider of all things.
- *Church* – As those called by God in love, the church is called to love one another and love our neighbor. This love is made known through sacrificial giving.

#### Key Observations

- *Read:* Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 89:11-12, Psalm 100:3
  - How does the doctrine of creation inform our understanding of God's authority and ownership?
- How does God's ownership of all things shed light on the kind of relationship people are designed to have with God?

- *Read:* Psalm 65:9-10, Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 4:7.
  - How does God continue to relate to the world he has created?
  - The Apostle Paul's question in 1 Cor. 4:7 implies that everything we have comes from God. How might a proper view of God's providence inform the way we relate to our money and possessions?
- *Read:* Mark 12:41-44
  - How does the widow's giving demonstrate trust in God? What does this teach us about our call to give as followers of Jesus?
  - How important is sacrifice as Jesus talks about the difference between the offering of the rich and the offering of the widow? What does this teach us about our call to give as followers of Jesus?

## **Listening**

### *Responding to God*

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

## **Loving**

### *Obeying God*

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
  
- This week I am committed to praying for \_\_\_\_\_ about:

## **Checking Out**

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?
  
- Close in Prayer and Read 2 Corinthians 9:7.