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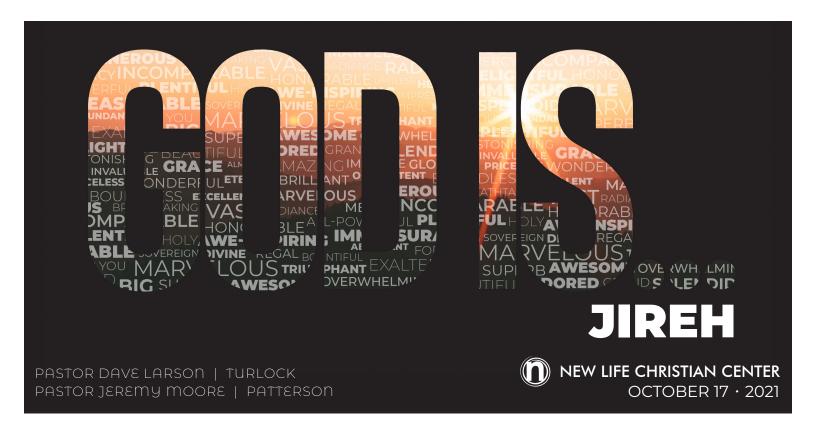
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

Have you ever had a huge need that was met just in the nick of time? Not something that happened in the 11th hour - but more like 11:59! Something financial, or medical, or marital, or relational, or maybe with your job or career? What was it?

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

What are some things for which you absolutely know was a provision from the Lord? Not just the tangible items, but the intangible as well?

Read Genesis 22:1-14. What are some feeling and thoughts you have from what the Lord was asking of Abraham? Was this "test" fair? Was it too big?

"God brings His provision through <u>OTHERS</u>." Share a time where God has provided for you through another person. Now share about a time God has provided for someone through you.

In the story of Joseph, one can read how God strategically placed Joseph in position for provision years before his brothers needed him. Has there ever been a time in your life where moved you into a position that didn't make sense at the time, but later you were able to see it was a divine move from the Lord?

"God bring provision <u>PERSONALLY</u>." What's been something God has provided for you that can ONLY be explained as given to you by the Lord? In other words, there was no way man could have done this for you.

The nation of Israel didn't recognize the food substance called manna at first. It was strange and foreign to them. Sometimes our provision doesn't look the way we pictured it. Can you share an experience like this?

"Our <u>POSITION</u> prepares us for God's provision." We need to live in a posture of faith that prepares us for the provision from the Lord. Are you in the right place for your provision? I don't mean just physically, although that certainly can be one of the factors. Are you in the right place in your head? Are you in the right place in your heart? Have you surrounded yourself with the right people? Are you trying to the best of your ability to practice the spiritual disciplines to stay close to God so you can sense His presence?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

The absolute GREATEST thing that God has ever provided for humanity is his son, Jesus. He is the once-and-for-all sacrifice for you.

When you and I needed a savior, Jehovah-Jireh (our provider) provided one for us. Because of His provision, we can now have a relationship with our creator both in this life, and in the life to come... Are you positioned to accept the provision?

