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The February issue explores some great questions for your congregation's small groups to discuss this month:

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- What is God's Word, what is not God's Word, and why? Jon Buchholz shows us why we can trust the Bible even if it was written by human authors (p. 30).
- What can we learn from Jesus' miracles? Jonathan Bourman examines more miracles from the gospel of Mark: Jesus walking on water and changing hearts (p. 32).
- What should we give up for Lent? Eric Schroeder reminds us that Lent is not a self-improvement project; it is a surrender (back page).

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