

CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY (C3) HOMEWORK

“Edifying the body by embracing the grace of the Spirit to live out the love of the Son in fellowship that glorifies the Father”



WARM UP

1. If you had to lose one of your five senses for the rest of your life, which would it be and why?

2. What is the most fun (or dramatic) experience you've had of God providing for you?

3. Which attribute of God is most important for being able to trust in Him?

The reality is that it is very difficult to separate the characteristics of God. The fullness of His character allows us to trust in Him. It's because He is God that He is totally trustworthy.

- a) Sovereign
- b) All-Powerful
- c) Loving
- d) Jealous
- e) Righteous
- f) All-Sufficient

DIGGING DEEPER

4. Reflecting on Sunday's message on trusting God, what part impacted you the most?

5. We talked Sunday about the reality that your ability to trust someone depends on what you know about them and the experiences you have with them. The same is true of trusting in God.

a) When you are anxious or struggle to trust in God, what knowledge (truth) about God helps you to trust in Him?

In other words, what truths about God's character or what promises in His word help you to trust in Him when you struggle to rely on Him.

b) What Bible verse or passage reveals that truth to you?

(Encourage people to share the verses that are most comforting to them about God. What do they "preach to their hearts" when they are doubting?)

c) What are the experiences you have had with God that help you to trust in Him?

Our trust should be founded on the truths we know about God in His word. That must come first, but once we know who God is we can experience Him and His provisions in our lives. Remember those times that God has come through for us can help strengthen our trust in the future.

6. What is your favorite Bible story about someone trusting in God? Read the Bible passage describing that event and write down the knowledge of God or the experience with God that helped that person trust in God.

This question is designed to get people into Gods word on their own. Encourage 2 or 3 people to share their favorite story AND read the passages that describe why that person trusted in God. Example: David trusted in God to deliver him from Goliath because he had the experience with God of being delivered from lions and bears. (1 Sam 17)

- o How do you try to model the trust of this Bible character?

7. Throughout the Bible, there are benefits and promises listed for those who trust in God. Read the following passages and write down how each verse describes the benefits of trusting in God. Which passage strikes you as the greatest?

Go through each passage as a group and discuss the promises and benefits laid out for those who trust in God.

What does each of these passages reveal about the character of God?

Proverbs 3:5-6 - God will guide you

Jeremiah 17:7-8 - God gives confidence. He provides basic needs. He protects from danger. Trust in God frees from worry. Trusting God will result in you bearing fruit.

Isaiah 26:3 - God gives peace.

Isaiah 25:9 - God saves those who trust in Him. He gives joy to those he saves.

Rom 15:13 - Trust in God yields all joy, peace, hope, and the power of the Spirit.

Psalms 34:8-10 - Those who trust in God are blessed and they will have everything they need.

Prov 29:25 - God will provide safety

Psalms 112:7 - Freedom from anxiety of bad news

8. What is the ultimate act of trust in God? Recall when you took that step of faith and what evidences led you to that act of trust.

The ultimate act of trust in God is relying on God for salvation. You are saying "God I trust that your way through Jesus is the only way. I will stop trying to save myself and rely on your grace alone to rescue me from the punishment I deserve."

Use this as an opportunity to share testimonies as a group.