

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. Do you tend to be a trusting person or do you find it hard to trust? Why?
2. Name 3 things you put trust in every day.

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3. Thinking about Sunday's message, what was the most impactful thing that you learned? Why?

(Try to incorporate some of the notes and questions you wrote down on Sunday to get people to start talking)

4. A wise man once said "Faith trusts, and reason believes." Based on that idea and what Pastor Randy said about faith and trust described in Hebrews 11:6, How would you describe the relationship between faith and trust in your own words?

(Try to get people to share their opinion on this and then remind them of the foundation of the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:6) Trust is an output of faith. Trust is faith in action. Biblical trust is active faith rooted in reasonable evidence (belief).

What is the difference between faith and belief?

5. Read Romans 10:8b-14 where Paul explains the relationship between faith, trust, and belief.

a) What is the theme Paul is talking about in this passage?

Faith

b) If trust is faith in action, where do we see trust described in this section?

Confessing Jesus as Lord and Calling on God. Those are both actions that proceed from faith.

c) What must come before trust? (verse 14)

Belief or in the Greek Paul uses the same word for "faith." Faith proceeds trust.

What must proceed belief? (reasonable evidence)

d) What is the result of trust that comes from belief (faith)? (verse 13)

Salvation! Those who trust in the Lord will be saved both in a final eternal sense and in a daily provisional sense.

f) What is the promise made to those who trust in God?

They will never be disgraced or put to shame.

g) What does it mean to "never be disgraced"?

If you trust in God, you will never be left hanging. You will never end up disappointed. You will never be left in a position of shame because God did not come through.

h) Do you think it is possible to trust in something you don't have faith in? or have faith in something you don't trust? Why?

(This question is open to interpretation. Use the example of a bridge that you have seen people walk over. You know it can hold weight and you believe it, but you are unwilling to trust it by walking on it. Do you really believe in the capacity of the bridge if you aren't willing to trust it enough to walk on it?)

6. Who is one of the people you trust the most? What do you know about that person that fuels that trust?

(This question is designed to connect the dots between trusting someone and the knowledge and experience you have with that person. Trust is grounded in knowledge and generally knowledge about someone is gained by experience)

How did you gain knowledge about the person you trust?

Did that trust increase over time? Why?

7. What areas do you have the most trouble trusting God? What prevents you from relying on God in those areas?

(This is an applicational question that should tie directly into to the message. What are you trusting in?)

a) Trust is directly linked to knowledge of the thing trusted. Based on that reality, identify one aspect or characteristic of God you need to know better?

(example: sovereignty, all sufficient, all powerful, all knowing, eternal, loving, just)

b) Give one Bible verse that helps you understand that aspect of God (use Google!).