

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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Read Psalm 118:8-9, Proverbs 3:6. Trusting the Navigator. This is your first trip to Tyler and you are not worried because you have your trusty navigator! It tells you exactly where to go the moment you enter your destination. Do you ever think that the navigator will lead you to the wrong destination? Surely if you lose your way, you believe that it is because you entered the wrong address or failed to follow the directions it gave you. If you turn down the wrong street, the navigator will quickly let you know that it is 'rerouting'. Do you trust God as much as you trust your navigation system? Do you follow every step that God gives you, to reach His destination for your life? Do you redirect your path when God says 'reroute'?

Read Exodus 2:1-10, Mark 5:21-42. Trusting God means to have Faith. Moses was born on the day all sons were to be killed, but his parents chose to keep him alive. Do you think his mother knew that she would be allowed to raise her son after casting him down the river? What does this say about her faith in God? Why was the woman who had the issue of blood immediately healed when she touched Jesus' garment? No matter what your issue is, do you have faith that Jesus will fix it? It was easy for the ruler of the synagogue to lose faith once he heard his daughter was dead. Instead, he chose to continue with the faith that Jesus would heal his daughter. Can you name a situation in which your faith was tested? How did you respond? What did you learn from your faithful or faithless response?

Read Psalm 62:5-7, James 5:7-8. Trusting God means to be Patient. Why does the psalmist say he will wait on God as long as God says? Why does the psalmist say, "God is a safe place to be"? We are living in the microwave era. Everything we do must show quick returns. Have you ever felt that God was not moving quickly enough in your situation? How do you think that being patient compares with the work of a farmer? God is always working even if we cannot physically see His movement. Name a time when you were patient with God?

Read Job 42:10-17, Philippians 4:11-12. Trusting God means to weather the Storms. It is easy to trust God when everything is going right. Why did God let Satan attack His servant Job? How difficult was it for Job not to blame God for his troubles? Do you continue to trust God when your life hits a bump in the road? Please give an example. Where was Paul when he wrote Philippians 4? What does learning to be content in your circumstances mean to you? How will you approach your future storms?

Apply It. Examine your life today. Write down onto separate strips of paper, situations in your life that you will surrender to God. Place them in an envelope or box. During the remaining days of the fast, pray specifically over these circumstances. If you can, ask someone to pray with you and hold you accountable to letting go and letting God.

GREATER EXPECTATIONS

"Preparing for a Miracle"

Mark 6:30-44

To see a miracle, there _____ be a _____.

To see a miracle, sometimes we have to give _____ something to _____.

To see a miracle, we need to _____ and _____.

To see a miracle, we need _____ to start _____.

To see a miracle, we have to _____ the _____.
