

Central Idea

Developing Trust

1. Do you have a harder time trusting God in the major trials of your life or in relatively minor things? Explain why you think this is the case.

2. Do you think Christians struggle more with questions and uncertainties in the midst of adversity than nonbelievers? Why or why not?

3. Proverbs 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

a. According to this verse, what should be our perspective on the future?

b. How does this affect our need to trust God?

4. God desires that we learn to trust Him. What do you learn about trust from these verses?

Psalm 32:10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

5.
 - a. What is the difference between trusting God and obeying Him?
 - b. How are trusting God and obedience related?
 - c. Is it easier for you to trust God or to be obedient? Explain why.
 - d. Describe a time when trusting God made it easier to be obedient.
6. Read Psalm 78:9-22
 - a. What attitude did the Israelites reveal in the desert?
 - b. What was God's reaction to their attitude?
 - c. Describe a time when your attitude was similar to that of the Israelites.
 - d. How do you think God felt about your attitude? (See Hebrews 11:6 and Phil. 2:14)
 - e. What in your life indicated how God felt?

7. According to Isaiah 55:9 and Romans 11:33, why is it important for us to trust God even when we don't understand what He is doing?

8. a. What do these verses say about our privilege of knowing God?

Psalm 9:10

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Philippians 3:8-11

b. Knowing God is more than simply knowing the facts about Him. What does it mean to know God?

c. What are you doing to get to know God better?

d. Do you need to make or renew your commitment to these actions?

Trust in Action

Choose one to do this week.

1. Write a prayer in which you express your desire to know God more intimately.

2. Keep a journal while studying this book. Record all the circumstances in which you see God's control and guidance in your life. Beginning this log now will help you see concrete evidence for truths discussed in later chapters.

3. Memorize Psalm 32:10

4. Make a commitment to memorize Romans 8:18-39. Break it into smaller sections and work on it throughout the study.

4. Ask God for the opportunity to share something about His trustworthiness with an unbeliever. Watch for the opportunity and take advantage of it.