



TRUST

TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD
AND LIVING ACCORDINGLY



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STUDY GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Trust is a decision. It is active, not passive. It is a confident obedience to God's Word in all circumstances. God speaks, and you listen, trust, and obey!

For example, one might say, "I trust that this food is not poisoned." BUT, if the person refuses to take it and eat it, what are they saying by their actions? It's so easy to say "Yes, I trust God. His Word is true." BUT, there is always a choice and some form of action involved which demonstrates that a person truly believes what they say they trust.

A real-life example of trust was illustrated in the performance of Charles Blondin, a famous tightrope walker. He was the first person to cross Niagara Falls on a quarter-mile long tightrope, 160 feet above the water. After crossing the falls blindfolded, while pushing a wheel barrel, and walking on stilts, Blondin asked how many believed he could carry a person to the other side. The crowd exploded in applause, signifying their trust in Blondin's skill. Then he asked for a volunteer. No one offered. It was easy to show their belief by clapping. Yet no one really trusted Blondin enough to step forward.

Matthew 8:5-13 records Jesus' amazement at a Roman officer's simple yet profound trust. The officer responded to Jesus' offer to go home with him and heal his servant. "Just say the word from where You are, and my servant will be healed. I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come."

When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to the crowd He said, "I tell you, I haven't seen a simple trust like this in all Israel." Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour.

Just as the Roman soldier trusted in Jesus' Word, this Gospel-infused Bible study will prompt your group members to take God at His Word and live accordingly.



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OVERVIEW

- DAY 1** Truth *What is the passage saying?*
- DAY 2** Revelation *What is God saying to you?*
- DAY 3** Understand *What do you learn from the characters?*
- DAY 4** So what *How will you live out what you just read?*
- DAY 5** Take out *With whom will you share?*

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES

TRUST #1 | Mark 1-8

Week 1: Mark 1:9-20
Week 2: Mark 2:1-17
Week 3: Mark 3:1-19
Week 4: Mark 4:1-25
Week 5: Mark 5:21-43
Week 6: Mark 6:30-52
Week 7: Mark 7:24-36
Week 8: Mark 8:1-10,14-21

TRUST #2 | Mark 9-16

Week 1: Mark 9:14-29
Week 2: Mark 10:17-30
Week 3: Mark 11:1-19
Week 4: Mark 12:28-34, 41-44
Week 5: Mark 13:24-37
Week 6: Mark 14:17-42
Week 7: Mark 15:25-47
Week 8: Mark 16:1-20

TRUST #3 | Luke

Week 1: Luke 1:26-45
Week 2: Luke 2:1-20
Week 3: Luke 4:1-14
Week 4: Luke 5:1-16
Week 5: Luke 6:27-49
Week 6: Luke 7:1-17
Week 7: Luke 8:9-25
Week 8: Luke 9:10-27
Week 9: Luke 10:38-11:13
Week 10: Luke 12:13-34
Week 11: Luke 15:1-31
Week 12: Luke 18:1-17

TRUST #4 | Matthew

Week 1: Matthew 4:1-21
Week 2: Matthew 4:23-5:16
Week 3: Matthew 5:17-37
Week 4: Matthew 5:38-6:4
Week 5: Matthew 6:5-24
Week 6: Matthew 6:25-34
Week 7: Matthew 7:1-14
Week 8: Matthew 7:15-28
Week 9: Matthew 8:1-17
Week 10: Matthew 8:18-34
Week 11: Matthew 9:1-17
Week 12: Matthew 9:18-38

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WEEK: _____ **SCRIPTURE:** _____

Each day: **read** the Scripture, **pray** for understanding, and **answer** the questions.

DAY
1

TRUTH

What is the passage saying?

Write a summary.

List all truths, promises, or commands you find.

TRUTHS

PROMISES

COMMANDS



DAY 2 REVELATION

What is God saying to you?

After reading the passage, reflect and journal your personal revelations.

What did you discover?

DAY 3 UNDERSTAND

What do you learn from the characters?

Identify the characters in this passage and describe their relationship with Jesus.

What significance do Jesus' words, proximity, and actions have for each person?

What did you learn about trust and/or how is it demonstrated?



DAY 4 SO WHAT

How will you live out what you just read?

In what ways did this passage affect or change your view of God, of others, or of your circumstances?

How were you convicted, encouraged, and/or strengthened?

How will you trust God afresh this week by taking Him at His Word and living accordingly?

DAY 5 TAKE OUT

With whom will you share?

Pray and ask God for guidance and courage as He presents His opportunities for you to share what you have learned this week.

Read the passage again. List several things you would like to share with someone.

Who comes to your mind?