

Week 2 – Trust, October 6, 2024

Play Video for Week 2 Unfinished Trust. Share reflections from the video . Then, take to prayer before you begin the rest of the lesson. Watch the video at thevillagechristianchurch.com/unfinished/.

Opening Discussion Questions

1. Why is it difficult to trust people? Why do we have so many trust issues?
2. When was a time when you trusted someone, and it turned out for the positive?
3. What does it take in order for true trust to be present?

Further Discussion From Scripture

Read the following Scripture passage and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the provided space before discussing together, as a means of encouraging all to participate more deeply.

TRUSTING IN GOD MEANS NOT LOOKING ONLY AT OUR CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCE, BUT AT GOD’S PROMISES OF OUR FUTURE

Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, “Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.”

But Abram replied, “O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don’t even have a son? Since you’ve given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir.”

Then the Lord said to him, “No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir.” Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!”

And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. – Genesis 15:1-6

1. Abraham’s wife was barren and thus could not conceive a child for many, many years. In fact, Abraham went through many trials with the Lord before God finally gave Abraham and his wife Sarah their own son (Genesis 21). In fact, Abraham was one hundred years old at this time...Imagine that! But God kept his promise and indeed Abraham and Sarah had their own son. Is there a circumstance in your life or in someone else’s life in which God revealed himself in this type of way and made the seemingly impossible possible?

2. Or potentially you are still in a waiting and trusting mode about something God has promised to you through His Word. Is this your situation? Share if you are able.

GOD CALLS US INTO PLACES WE CANNOT ARRIVE AT ON OUR OWN, SOMETIMES EVEN WITH A NEW NAME

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai— ‘God Almighty.’ Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants.”

At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, “This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! What’s more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!

“I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God.” – Genesis 17:1-8

3. Why do you think it was so important that God changed Abram’s name?
4. Do you ever feel that you have been “named” by a situation of your past and that it limits your trust in God’s promises for your future? How might God be trying to “change your name” in how He is leading you forward and asking you to trust Him?
5. As you think about this Unfinished journey, and specifically the Unfinished commitment God is asking you to make, what barriers, situations, or “names” from your past are preventing you from trusting in God fully as you make this Unfinished commitment?
6. How can your Small Group be praying for you in this, that God would release this barrier from you and “give you a new name” as He leads you into this new path for your future?