

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS Moses-leadership that trusts God

INTRO: This week's teaching surveyed what we can learn from Moses' career of trusting leadership. Moses matured, from hasty self-dependence to seasoned, obedient trust in the Lord. Our study focuses on the importance of seasoned trust over a life-time of walking with God.

Begin with Your HEART

Take a few moments to identify those things for which you *actually* trust in the Lord. Would you say that you trust the Lord for [a] most things, [b] some things, or [c] few things. Share with your group what's behind your answer. Then discuss this question: Why do we find it difficult to trust the Lord? Which of the following factors do you think most gets in the way of genuinely relying on God: impatience, wanting to be in control, thinking the Lord can't be bothered, fear, wanting things we suspect He might not want for us, or _____?

In the WORD

Take a look at three incidents from the life of Peter involving a struggle to fully trust. With each passage [1] have someone read the passage out-loud, [2] identify precisely what the struggle of trust involved and what was at stake, and [3] what trust-lesson/outcome did Peter experience? Discuss what the lesson of trust was – what Peter likely learned, and also what you take from the passage [and his experience] for yourself.

Matthew 14:22-32

Mark 14:66-72

John 21:15-23

Before you close the word, read together two more passages

- **2 Corinthians 1:3-11** What was Paul sharing with the Corinthians about learning to trust God?
- **Hebrews 11:1-6** What was this author sharing with the Hebrew believers about the reward of trusting God?

My LIFE - our MISSION

This study began by asking us to assess whether or not we are truly trusting the Lord for the most important things in life. When we stand before God someday, will we be like those listed in **Hebrews 11**, those who ran their race with God by faith [or trust] and were commended for a life of trust?

Trusting God can be very challenging. This is why we need to SHARE OUR TOUGH STUFF with our spiritual companions. Take some time to do that with your family or Connect Group right now. About what do you believe God wants to trust Him in this part of your faith-race?

Trusting God can happen more readily when we rely on the Holy Spirit, who lives inside us. This is why we need the HOLY SPIRIT TO BE FLOWING THROUGH US [cf. **John :37-39**]. Take some time to ask the Spirit to be more in control of your everyday life, your fears, and to encourage you to greater trust in the Lord. Pray for each other to that end, and **thanks for sharpening your involvement in CCC's mission through engaging in this sermon-based study together!**