

Thrive

Success that Matters

Title: **TRUST GOD**

Date: **OCTOBER 29, 2023**

Leader's Notes:

1. Start and end the life group on time.
2. Facilitate discussions with your group and **give all attendees opportunities to share their thoughts**. Encourage participation.

Life Group Discussion Proper

WORSHIP: (15 mins)

Option 1: In person - Home gatherings

Suggestions: Assign someone to lead worship or play two praise & worship songs from You Tube.

Option 2: In person gatherings at a public place (at the park, school campus or café) or Online home gathering (via Zoom or other online meeting platform)

Suggestions: Ask three to four people to share testimonies of answered prayers or ask the question: Ask the group, "What are you thankful to God about this past week?"

Main Text: Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

Q: Ask the group, what is your definition of a "Dream?"

Answer: *Series of thoughts, images, and sensations occurring in a person's mind during sleep, a cherished aspiration, or ideal, an ambition, a goal, or a target to achieve*

Intro: Do you know God's dream for your life? (Many people can only think of career dreams, family dreams, future dreams, etc. Those things only affect us while we are alive. God's dream is bigger than we could imagine and greater than our abilities can handle. The issue is not having a dream, but *how can we see the fulfillment of our dreams. The truth is that it starts with us placing our absolute trust in God.*

WELCOME: (15 mins): IWC - Introduce yourself. Welcome guests/first-time visitors. Cheerfully call someone to do the same.

Ice-breaker: Ask the group and give time for participation.

- > *Is there anyone who would like to share a verse you have memorized this past week?*
- > *Is there anyone who would like to share something you received from your daily devotions this past week?*

WORD (30- 45 mins)

Q: What is your personal dream? For your life? Your family? For your future?

Truth: God's dream or aspiration for each one of us (whether they're for our lives, our marriages, our children's future, etc.) is to actively participate in the mission of spreading the gospel of Christ's salvation to people who do not know Him. **Recite: John 3:16**

Q: As followers of Jesus, how do we participate in seeing God's dream for our lives come to pass?

A. PRAY— Read Proverbs 3:5 – "In all your ways acknowledge Him..."

Q: What do you mean by "acknowledge?"

Ans. Acknowledge — *"to know, recognize, to clearly understand"*

Truth: How can we PRAY, unless we first believe that we have a prayer answering God? It all starts when we acknowledge that we can trust in all His Promises He gave us in His Word.

How do we pray?

1. PRAY FOR EVERYTHING— Read Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

Q: What do you pray about on a regular basis? (ex. Marriage, children, future, career goals, etc.?)

Continuation:

2. PRAY BOLD PRAYERS

Q: What do you mean by “*Bold*” or “*Boldness*?”

Answer: Bold - *“(a person, action, or idea) showing an ability to take risks; being confident and courageous.”*

Read Acts 1:8 NLT

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth...”

Q: What has been the boldest prayer you have ever prayed in your life?

TRUTH: The early church didn't leave their mission to be Christ's witnesses to the whole world to chance. They knew the will/ mission of the Lord, but they gave themselves to fervent and constant prayer. They didn't pray safe prayers but prayed risky bold prayers.

Q: How important is having a life of prayer?

Q: Can you share a “bold” prayer you have in your heart right now?

Conclusion:

We need to continually trust the Lord with all of our hearts. It means we can rely on God's faithfulness in every situation or circumstances, difficult or not. Even when things are going great, we have all that we need, we are able to buy things we both want and need, **still, we cannot depend on material and temporal things to satisfy us, but we must continually depend on God.**

Prayer (and praying bold prayers) should be a vital part of our lives because it proves that we do not trust ourselves, not on our wisdom but our trust is on the Lord! When we do what His Word says, God promises to direct our paths!

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST TAKE-AWAY FROM THE LESSON?

Tell your group to partner with someone and ask this question to their partner.

Q: What impacted you the most from this lesson?

WORK: The Challenge & Closing prayer (15 mins.)

1. Memorize a verse from your devotions this week and be prepared to share it on our next gathering.
2. Please take time in your smaller groups to pray for one another. If there are specific needs, take time to lift them up to God in prayer as well. Ask each other, **“what can I pray for you?”**

Leader's Notes:

1. Please remind your group the schedule for the next gathering.
2. Please ask your group to invite people for the next gathering.
3. Please encourage the group to remember to pray for one another during the week.