

# Thrive

## Success that Matters

Title: **TRUST GOD**

Date: NOVEMBER 12, 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?"*

#### Intro:

**Q: What action-adventure movies do you like the most?** *Ex. Indiana Jones, Mission Impossible, etc.*

Most of the time when we have watched a movie we really liked, we couldn't help but share our experience with others. The same thing with sharing the gospel. It shouldn't be limited to one time evangelistic events or occasional moments; it should be our lifelong mission and a fundamental part of our daily life. In these kind of movies, the action kicks off quickly and takes up the majority of the screen time. So, it's time for some action!

**Main Text: Proverbs 3:5-6 NJKV**

**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)

##### 1. 3. LIVE BY FAITH –

###### a.) "...and He shall direct your paths."

When we trust the Lord with all our hearts and lean on His words, God will guide us along the right path, the path that will lead us to the fulfillment of God's purpose for our lives. Faith in God is not just every Sunday or the religious part of life, while the rest of the week is up to us. Faith is a way of life, a path that God has ordained for us to walk on.

Not only that, but it is also a path we share with the Lord as we follow His lead. In the New Testament, the common denominator for all followers of Christ is the path that we share with each other, which is the fulfillment of the Great Commission. **Read Mark 16:15-20 NLT**

**Q: When did you surrender your life to Christ? Would you share your experience?**

## Continuation:

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He issued a command to His disciples, instructing them to go and make disciples of all nations. He also gave them the assurance of His presence with them throughout this mission. This directive remains unchanged today: ***every follower of Christ is entrusted with the task of spreading the gospel and making disciples.***

**Q: Would you describe how has your spiritual walk with God been since you became a follower of Christ? Has it been easy, challenging, adventure, etc.?**

The Lord has a specific path for us to take to fruitfully engage the harvest field of souls. The question we must consider is are we willing to fulfill our role in the mission of rescuing lost souls. The Great Commission is not the **great suggestion** or an option. It's a command and it should be our lifelong mission and our way of life. **Read Matthew 28:18-20**

**Q: How important is sharing our faith with others?**

***"The great commission is not an option to be considered but it is a command to be obeyed."*** Hudson Taylor

**b.) "...The righteous will live by faith." Romans 1:17b**

God requires all believers to lead lives of faith. It's not enough to simply contemplate His words; He wants us to put His words into action. **Read James 1:21-22 NLT**

God requires that we renew our minds with His Word, replacing our ungodly mindset with a new godly thought pattern. We cannot follow God, live a life of faith, unless we take on a new mindset through His Word.

**Q: What are the ways we can grow in our faith? Give your reasons to your answer.**

Complete trust in Him leads us to anchor our entire lives in His Word but we need to apply it to our daily existence. We are called to live a life of obedience guided by faith in God.

**Q: Was there a time that we questioned God during tough times in our lives?**

The Bible is a book of the stories of men and women who decided to trust God and acted on what God told them to do. Hebrews 11, popularly known as the HALL of FAITH, reveals famous characters of the Bible who lived by faith and enjoyed life with God and His wonders.

**Group Challenge: Spend time in reading Hebrews 11 this week.**

**Conclusion:**

To trust God, we put His words into action, based on our belief in His true nature and the validity of His words. Trust is manifest in both our words and our conduct and not on our emotions, nor is it dependent on what we perceive through our senses. Faith is fundamentally anchored in a reliable and trustworthy God. Read 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

***"Faith is trusting God by acting like God is saying the truth."*** Tony Evans, Pastor and Author

***"God said it, I believe it; That settles it."*** Smith Wigglesworth, Healing Evangelist

Jesus has entrusted us with spreading the good news of God's love for humanity through His death and resurrection that offers forgiveness of sins. In His mission of redemption, each of us has a unique role to play. In the Great Commission, each of us has a specific path to follow.

**Q: Where do you think or to whom do you think God can use you in sharing your faith in Christ?**

**WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST TAKE-AWAY FROM THE LESSON?**

Tell your group to partner with someone and ask this question to their partner. 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 of your next gathering and ask them to invite a friend.
2. Please encourage the group to remember to pray for one another during the week.
3. Assign someone to share from his/her devotion to the group next week. (min. of 5mins.)