

Big Questions: Week 5

Discussion Guide

Discuss:

- Who or what do you really trust? Explain why? (Examples: A spouse, a car, a friend, a product, a process at work). (5 min)
- What are some other reasons you can think of to trust God? (5 min)
- Do you think people drift from trusting God more by prosperity or pain? (5 min)
- What area of your life do you struggle with trusting God? Children, finances, relationships, job? (5 min)

Scriptures:

- **Proverbs 3:5–6** (NIV) “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”
- **Lamentations 3:21–23** (ESV) “But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”
- **Romans 8:38–39** (NIV) “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- **Isaiah 55:11** (NIV) “So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”
- **Isaiah 55:8–9** (NIV) “‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD. ‘As the heavens are

higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Challenge:

What is one thing you could alter, add, or change this week to demonstrate your trust in God in a tangible way at work, school, or home? (10 min)

Prayer:

During the discussion, people will share where they have a tough time trusting God. Pray over your group very specifically for those areas they mention. Consider asking the group to pray with their palms up as a sign of surrender to God.