

LEADER GUIDE

STUDY #4

BE TRANSFORMED

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REFLECTING THE HEART OF CHRIST - TRUST

Key Objectives

The purpose of this lesson is to bring attention to and apply the concepts listed below and then encourage a call-to-action. The concepts are:

God's desire to mold us into the image of Christ

Trust in God is foundational to Christianity and an aspect of Christ's character.

Discussion

Watch segment 1 of the study video before the discussion. The discussion objective is for participants to resonate with God's call to trust Him for all of their needs and reject trusting in the promises of the world to be at peace. Conclude the discussion in time to allow 5 minutes for the group to watch segment 2 of the video. As a facilitator, your role is to foster discussion that God can use to bring conviction to forgive. Use the questions below to stimulate the group discussion. Do not attempt to answer the question, bias the discussion or resolve disagreements.

Read Hebrews 13:5-6AMP to the group.

- How does a broader understanding of the word "faith" change your perspective of what it means to believe in Jesus?
- Express how it would change the way you might feel right now if you really trusted God for the promises He has made in this verse.
- If a stranger walked in the room right now and promised to pay all your bills for the rest of your life, how would you respond?
- Who do you find it easier to trust? God or the stranger?
- When you consider how God might fulfill His promise to not leave you without support, is it possible He could accomplish that in ways you had not considered or could not predict?
- List some of the things in your world that you trust. It could be anything from trusting your electricity to stay on to relying on your chair not to collapse from under you.
- Is there anything on the list that doesn't have the potential to fail us?

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Read 1 Peter 5:7AMP to the group.

1. What cares do you have that you struggle with most to cast onto God?
2. How do you relate to the rich young ruler's response when Jesus told him to sell everything and follow Him?
3. If you could trust God the way He wants to be trusted, would trust in Him or trust in your money and possessions give you greater peace?
4. Do you think it is ok with God to ask Him to help you be able to trust Him more?