



LESSON 5

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does understanding God's pursuit and plan for redemption affect you?
2. To what or to whom did you look for hope and love in past seasons of difficulty?
3. To what or to whom did you place your trust?
4. What are practical ways for us as believers to identify when we are not trusting in God's will and plan for our lives?
5. Does Jesus ever have to sit in the weight of trusting the Father's plan, over His temporary desires? If so, how did He respond?
6. What is something you can do this week, that can help root you into God's will for your life in Christ?

SMALL GROUP PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

1. ***Our Anxieties (Luke 12:25-26)***
Sovereign God, I confess that my life, used to seem secure and much more certain and now feels fragile and vulnerable. And yet my worries are foolish; they are wasted time and do nothing to change the situation or glorify You. They only rob me of the rest that comes from trusting in You, Father. So, I acknowledge my helplessness

in this situation, and instead of trusting in myself, I am coming to You in faith. You know and control all things so I will trust You my faithful Father with my life and all of my other concerns. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

2. ***Trusting the God Who is near. (Isaiah 41:10)***
Powerful God, You repeatedly command Your people not to fear, and You always present Yourself as the solution to my fear. When bad news comes, my heart can grow crippled and doubtful with fear. Please help me to trust and better see Your strength and rest in Your presence, no matter the hardship that comes. You are not a God who is far away. Your nearness was demonstrated when You sent Jesus to earth, and You continue to be present with me today through Your Holy Spirit Who is in me. Unlike the rest of the world that trembles at the sound of bad news, let me be a witness as my heart trusts in the God Who is with me. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.
3. ***Praising our trustworthy God (Psalm 28:7)***
God, our strength and shield, You have power over every storm. You are on Your throne and we rejoice in You. In the midst of so much uncertainty across our world, our faith in Christ holds us. We will trust the One Who died and defeated death by His resurrection. In dark storms, we have bright hope. Our future is secure in Christ Who loves us. So, with thankfulness we sing our songs of praise, declaring our joy and our hope found in Christ alone! In the beautiful name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!