

TRUST ISSUES



*The #1 catalyst for spiritual growth is reading and reflecting on the Bible.
Use these questions for personal study or as part of a community group experience.*

INTRODUCTION

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Trust takes time. To develop it requires an intentional approach. In Exodus 3, God reveals himself in a personal way that let's Moses know he is present with him in his situation. From this point on God would walk with Moses, and visa-versa, through the ups-and-downs of life.

QUESTIONS

1. What was most challenging from Sunday's message?
2. How does the process that John laid out hit you? Have you tried something similar in the past or is this something you would like to try?
3. Re-read Exodus 3:1-6 and 10-14. What stands out to you from this text? Is there anything that resonates or intrigues you?
4. What do you think of Moses' response to the narrative in Exodus 3? For a moment, put yourself in Moses' place; how do you think you would have responded?
5. This narrative is called a "Theophany"—a manifestation of God to humankind. This kind of narrative highlights the reality that God is always very near. Is there a time in your life that you felt God was near?
6. In Exodus 3, Moses essentially asks "who are you?". How does this question prepare the way for trust?

7. How does God's response to Moses in Exodus 3:6 and 3:14 shed light on God's character and influence Moses' level of trust?

8. You might say, "if God showed up to me like this I'd trust him also." If you are a follower of Jesus, how would you say your journey of trust began?

If you are not a follower, think through what would be beneficial in making the decision to trust? Is it information, a feeling, an experience, some form of proof? How might these different aspects aid trust?

9. What type of activities or habits help build trust?

10. The idea that trust takes time is vital. Why is time and repetition so important to developing trust?

11. John mentioned that we build trust in God when we intentionally invite him to help us in our daily struggles. What might this look like in an upcoming struggle? Is there something concrete that you know you will have to face over the next week where this principle could be applied?

12. What specific and attainable habits can you pursue that will intentionally build toward trust in God?

Closing Prayer

Creator and sustainer of all things, I thank you that you are present with me. I am grateful that you are near in every situation. Help me to turn to you more frequently than I turn from you. Give me patience as I learn trust over time. Grant me the strength to develop that habits that grow our relationship and bring me to the place of knowing who you are more intimately. I pray this in the name of Jesus, amen.