

# 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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This week's main point is that trust takes worship. Too often we follow God with a half-hearted focus. However, when we turn to God and worship him because of who he is, we find freedom.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What was most insightful from Sunday's message? Why did this stand out to you?
2. How are trust and worship interconnected?
3. Re-read Judges 6:12-18. What stands out to you from this text? Is there anything that resonates or intrigues you?
4. This message is titled "The Joys of Freedom". What does this mean in the context of worshiping and trusting Adonai (the Lord)?
5. Gideon raises questions about God's character and his ability to trust the reports of what God has done in the past. How do these two elements—character and past history—influence trust?
6. Why did Israel find herself in this situation, under the hand of the Midianites? (consider Judges 6:1)

7. Have you ever expressed Gideon's question in verse 13: "If the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us"? When?
8. What did you find helpful or unhelpful at that time?
9. Did your understanding or perspective of the situation change the further removed from that event you became? Why or how?
10. John spoke about half-hearted worship. What part do we play in our trust relationship with God?
11. Israel had a choice of serving Ba'al or Adonai (The Lord). Ba'al was a foreign god, a god of the culture in which they found themselves. What could be contemporary examples of this from which we have to choose—a Ba'al or the Lord?
12. What does it look like to choose Adonai? What areas of your life would change? What areas would require the greatest trust?

### **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.