

TALK IT OVER

The God that Bleeds:

The Trust of the Suffering Servant

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Have you ever felt unsure about trusting God after someone you cared about let you down?

Please read **Isaiah 53:1-7** aloud.

- When you think about Isaiah's description of the suffering servant, what does it reveal to you about trusting God when you feel broken or misunderstood?

Please read **John 13:1-5** aloud.

- How does Jesus choosing to serve even when He knows Judas will betray Him challenge you to respond differently when others hurt you?

Matthew 26:39 TPT

"Then He walked a short distance away, and overcome with grief, He threw himself facedown on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if there is any way you can deliver me from this suffering, please take it from me. Yet [But] what I want is not important, for I only desire to fulfill Your plan for me.'"

- When your prayers don't go the way you want [or expect], how can Jesus' surrender in Gethsemane help you trust God's plan in those moments?

Luke 23:32-33 ESV

"Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left."

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Start Talking: Continued

- Reviewing the above passage: What does it mean for your everyday choices and relationships to fully trust in Him as truth, especially when other paths or voices compete for your attention?

Start Praying: Be bold and pray with power.

Father, we come before You with open hearts, trusting that even in our deepest pain, You are with us. Lord, when we are hurt by others, we remember Jesus, who trusted You even on the cross. When things don't go the way we pray, remind us like Paul, that Your grace is enough. And when we face death or fear the unknown, give us the hope of Jesus, the resurrection and the life. Help us trust You, even when we can't see the way. In Jesus' name, amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three, take time for healing prayer, or pray with individuals requesting prayer. This is important!

Start Doing:

This week, when you face moments of disappointment or hurt, pause and bring those feelings to God. Ask Him to show you His grace in your weakness. When you're tempted to fear or doubt, remember Jesus' example, and trust that God's power is enough for you. Keep a journal this week, writing down moments you see His grace at work.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT

"Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time He said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.'" So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me."