Theme: Place your complete trust in the Lord

Scripture: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
*Proverbs 3:5-6*

Reference: Our trust is in the LORD, not man, to direct, guide and provide.

 FFC core values

Discussion Points:

1. Placing your trust in the Lord can be difficult to check and see if you really are. Have the group give examples when they trusted in the Lord.
2. In other words, if we trust in the Lord, we cannot also depend upon our own ability to understand everything God is doing. Our limited understanding can easily lead us astray. [Proverbs 16:25](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Prov%2016.25%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) says, "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death." When we choose to direct our lives according to what seems right to *us*, are we trusting in God?

Application: Check Yourself by God’s Word!

Let’s be honest. We aren’t so good at evaluating ourselves. We will go to great lengths to excuse or justify our behavior, and our actions. If we’re ever going to truly trust in God, we have to know exactly where we stand. We have to find an objective measure that tells us the truth. And that truth comes from God and His Word.

Commentaries for the Leader

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Trust in him at all times; in times of affliction, temptation, and darkness: there is a great deal of reason for it; all power and strength are in him to help; his love, grace, and mercy, move him to it, and are always the same: the consideration of what he has done for others that have trusted in him, and for ourselves in times past, should induce and encourage to it. And this trust in Father, Son, and Spirit, should be "with all the heart", cordial and sincere. The phrase denotes not so much the strength of faith as the sincerity of it; it signifies a faith genuine; it is not saying, or professing, that a man believes and trusts in the Lord; but it is with the heart, and with his whole heart, that he believes unto righteousness.

…and lean not unto my own understanding; for it stands opposed to trusting in the Lord. Men should not depend upon their own wisdom and understanding, in the conduct of civil life, but should seek the direction and blessing of God. But the word of God only is our rule of judgment, and the standard of our faith and practice; and to that we should have recourse and be directed by it, and not lean to our own understandings.

To go deeper into the fullness of life is available to us in Jesus, requires putting our faith and trust in God alone. We will never experience the peace of heaven if our hope is in this earth. We will never experience the power and help of the Holy Spirit if our hope is in our own abilities, talents, and strengths. We will never fully experience the satisfaction of truly being loved if we place our hope of affirmation in the opinions of others. The only path too truly experiencing the abundant life available to us in Jesus is placing our faith and trust in him alone. Author unknown

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