



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 1 | Trust God Fully

Proverbs 3:5,6

Introduction

The thing I love about the book of Proverbs is how it takes key truths for everyday life and puts them on the bottom shelf where we can all reach them. It's a series of short statements that speak in a practical way to actions we will need to take to live a successful life.

A modern day word for these statements is Life Hacks. Life Hacks are simple ways of doing things that when done, add value to our lives. The book of Proverbs is full of Life Hacks. 631 total to be exact. And none of them are about anything little. Each one is a brilliant insight on how to live the most productive life possible.

Sunday's sermon looks at the first of seven Life Hacks we're discovering in this series. Read Proverbs 3:5,6 before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

1. Have you ever had the experience where you thought you could trust someone but discovered they weren't someone you could trust? What happened to break this trust?
2. What would you say is involved in building trust with another person? Think of a time this happened for you in a relationship with someone. What occurred to give you confidence that this is a trustworthy person?
3. What are the benefits that come with a trusting relationship between two people?
4. What would you say it means to "fully trust" someone?
5. Would you say that time is a critical factor in building trust? Why or why not?
6. Is trusting a risky thing to do? Why or why not? What is the risk or danger in not building trust with people?
7. When did you first begin building trust in God? What occurred to build this trust?

Unpacking Proverbs 3:5-6 phrase by phrase, answer the following questions:

8. What does it mean to "trust in the Lord with all your heart?"
9. Why isn't it wise to "lean on your own understanding?"
10. What's critical about the "all" in the phrase "in all your ways submit to him?"
11. What isn't meant by "and he will make your paths straight?" Explain why.
12. What is meant by "and he will make your paths straight?"