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Life is _____. Leader Guide

Session 3: Life is to trust God

Video Teaching

The following is a few key thoughts to note as you watch session 3. Use the space provided to jot down personal observations or applications.

Sometimes life feels like it's about trusting ourselves and taking care of ourselves. But true life is found in trusting God. It is about trusting in who he is – his faithfulness, supply, power, and strength.

In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus describes God's kingdom culture. It's a lesson about trusting God to give us what is right rather than living based on what we think we deserve. What we really deserve is punishment, death, and separation. It's far better to relate to God based on his goodness.

When we simply trust God and his goodness, we discover the spontaneity, adventure, and joy of life.

Life isn't made up of what we've earned or deserve. It's not about whether we've been good enough to prayed enough or done enough for God. It's about relationship with a good, generous God who gives us more than we could ever deserve.

Do we trust that what God gives us in good and right? He's a good God, and what come from his hands is good.

A lifestyle of trust sets us free. We don't have to keep track of what we deserve. We don't have to compare ourselves to others. We can live in gratitude and joy, knowing God will take care of us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever felt like God or life was giving you something you didn't deserve, whether good or bad? In reality, what do you deserve?

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2. In the parable Jesus told in Matthew 20:1-16, why did the first group get upset when they were paid exactly what they had agreed upon with the owner? Can you relate to their feelings?

Why does their treatment seem unfair? Is it actually unfair?

3. Why is relating to God based on what we earn or deserve a dead-end street?
4. How does learning to trust that what God give us is good and right set us free to enjoy life more?
5. Have you ever compared your lot in life with someone else's? How does that make you feel? Why is it an unwise way to live?
6. Do you truly trust God? Do you believe he is good and that he gives you good things? Why is that sometimes hard to believe?
7. Would you rather live a life of gratitude and joy or a life of trying to get what you deserve? Why? Which do you think makes you a better person to be around?