

Sermon Discussion Guide (6/22)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What do these verses reveal to us about the character of God? What do they reveal to us about our need to trust in God?

What does it mean that God will make our paths straight? Does it mean that God will make our paths easy, or might it mean something else?

Read Matthew 7:24-27. What does it mean to put Jesus's words into practice? What is the difference between the life of someone who follows Jesus's words and the life of someone who does not?

Read 1 Peter 1:3. According to these verses, where does our hope come from? What does the word "living" tell us about the hope that we have?

Application

In every situation in life, we can trust Jesus to lead us through what we are facing. What are some things, other than Jesus, that you might be tempted to put your trust in? How do these other things keep you from surrendering all of your life to Jesus?

We can come to Jesus and receive His rest through prayer and through being in Christ-centered relationships with others. How do you currently practice prayer and Christ-centered community? Is there a next step that you sense God calling you to take so that you can more fully embrace these two ways of finding rest in Jesus?

We can trust Jesus to give us hope. Where in your life do you need to cling to the hope found in Jesus?

Pastor Kenny concluded his sermon by asking us what step of trust God was calling us to take today, such as surrendering control, forgiving someone, serving somewhere, giving generously, or trusting Jesus as Savior for the first time. How would you answer this question? What will you do this week in order to take this step of trust?

Prayer

Jesus, today we choose to trust You. Not just with our words, but with our lives. We trust You in our uncertainty, our loneliness, our weakness, and our need. You are our True North. Guide our hearts, direct our steps, and empower our lives. In Your faithful name we pray, Amen.