

RADICAL TRUST IN A FAITHFUL GOD

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT:

What does it practically look like to “trust the Lord with all your heart”?

In what areas of life do you find it easiest, and hardest, to trust God completely?

ENGAGE:

What part of this weekend’s message challenged you the most? What part encouraged you the most?

GROW:

Why do you think we tend to hide parts of our heart from God?

What are some of the “fig leaves” or cover-ups people use today to mask shame, fear, or guilt?

A.W. Tozer said, “Every man is as close to God as he wants to be.”

How does this statement sit with you, do you agree or disagree? How does this challenge your current walk with God? What intentional steps could draw you closer to Him this week?

When you pray, are you more likely to ask God to change your situation or to change your heart?

Why do you think praying for a changed heart can be harder, but more powerful, in the long run?

Read Psalm 51:10 and Ezekiel 36:26.

What does a “new heart” look like in the life of a believer today?

How have you personally experienced God softening or renewing your heart over time?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

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