

Careless Trust
Trust Issues Pt. 2
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SG Questions:

1. What's the best concert you've ever been to? Did you sense the band or musician was more about the audience or themselves?
 2. What definitions or meanings for the word faith have you heard before? Watch the **Word Study Video (on Group Leader Resources Page)**. How is it helpful to understand faith as trust, instead of other less accurate definitions?
 3. The biblical writings tell us that Love is central to who God is. How does this help you to trust God?
 4. Has your trust been broken in the past before, by a person or an organization, when you realized their motivation was for you? If you're open to it, share about the experience.
 5. Has a person or an organization gained your trust in the past because you saw that their motivation was for you, and not just themselves? If you're open to it, share about the experience.
 6. How might you demonstrate to others that you are for them, and not just yourself?
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A person's **WHY** matters.

How to do a Word Study:

1. Identify the word.
2. Discover the original word's range of meaning.
3. **Determine what the word's meaning is in *this* context.**

Pistis, Blue Letter Bible

1. conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it
2. fidelity, faithfulness

Hebrews 11:1–3 Now **faith** is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **2** This is what the ancients were commended for. **3** By **faith** we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

5 Parts of Trust:

1. Understanding
2. **Intent**

3. Ability
4. Character
5. Track Record

Luke 21:1–4 *As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3 “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”*

Luke 20:45–47 *While all the people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples, 46 “Beware of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 47 They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”*

With God: Love is the motivation behind all of God’s intentions.

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

With Others: People who demonstrate your value to them by factoring you into their decisions demonstrate a key component of trustworthiness.

With Church: A spiritual community that creates a culture of safe and patient belonging demonstrates a key component of trustworthiness.

Bottom Line: Trust builders are **FOR** others, not just themselves.
