

Jesus said.

Jesus Said: Part 2

Small Group Questions: Trusting God When You Are Tempted to Doubt

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Read

John 6:40 and 14:2–14; Colossians 1:19–20; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18; James 4:2–3; and Luke 22:42–43

Reflect

During the Last Supper, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going away and they cannot follow. But he also tells them not to be troubled by it and to trust in God and in him. Jesus promises that when everything is ready, he will come and get them. When was the last time you've been really troubled about news you received and could see no possible good coming from it?

Pastor Greg helps us learn to trust God when we're not sure what he is up to:

1. Understand the mission.
 - a. What is God's mission?
 - b. How hard is it not asking, why, why now, and why me (or someone you care about) when something difficult happens?
 - i. Have you looked back afterward and seen God's intention? What have you learned from dealing with these situations?
 - ii. How can you help someone else going through a difficult time?
2. Sometimes the mission is better served by a temporary loss.
 - a. How does Jesus asking for the cup to pass from him—if it is God's will—affect you?
 - i. Why do you think he asked that? Was he against God's plan? What can we learn from his example?
 - b. How did the cross first seem like a loss?
 - c. Do you believe God has placed you where you need to be? In what ways do you struggle with this, and in what ways do you find it encouraging?
3. Learn to pray bold prayers and trust God for the best outcome.
 - a. How did Jesus stay strong, knowing what he was going to face on the cross?
 - i. How did God respond?
 - b. When has God showed you that his timing is perfect?
 - c. Would you say you pray bold prayers? Explain.
 - d. Do you trust God's promise of eternal life? If so, how are you showing it?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?