



DISCIPLE-AT-HOME

TRUST ISSUES / PART TWO

Whether you're part of a group or studying individually, I don't think we can help but be thinking about the events surrounding the death of George Floyd on May 25th.

Particularly, we can be asking ourselves - what is a faithful, Christlike response? If it's appropriate, in a group, a discussion around the perspective of Jesus toward this tragedy and the response could prove valuable. If you're studying alone, maybe writing down some thoughts about what discipleship can and should look like in this situation.

- *What are some words of Jesus that you see applying to this situation?*
- *What are some prayers that we could be praying around this event and its aftermath?*
- *What are some things that we can imagine Jesus doing in response to this tragedy?*

1. Can you think of a time where you had to quickly assess the trustworthiness of a relative stranger? What sorts of criteria factored into your judgment?
2. We're turning our attention from the question - *Am I trusting God with this?* To the question - *Can I trust God with this?* When you think about the question of God's character, how do you go about deciding if God is trustworthy?
3. On Sunday we said the overwhelming testimony of believers, both in the Bible and throughout history, has been that *God is faithful*. Can you think of someone that you know that exemplifies a deep trust of God? How have you seen them express their trust in God?
4. The question of trust almost always leads to a question of difficulty or hardship in our lives. Why do you think that pain or suffering makes us wonder if God is trustworthy?
5. We tend to let pain and suffering edge out this truth - there is so much in our lives to be thankful for. It may sound mundane or even silly but what are some of the basic, everyday blessings from God that we tend to forget when we're experiencing difficulty?
6. The following verses are just a small sampling of the thousands of verses that talk about the faithfulness of God. Spend a few moments contemplating God's trustworthiness.

Deuteronomy 7:9; 32:4; 2 Samuel 7:28; Psalm 11:7; Psalm 20:7; Lamentations 3:22, 23; Isaiah 46:9-10; Romans 15:13; Hebrews 10:23