GROUPS
Weekly Message Study Guide

TITLE: *"Testing Your Trust"*

OPENING QUESTION: Can you think of a time when someone really earned your trust? What did they do that made you feel that way?

Psalm 78:5-7– God commanded our ancestors to teach his word to their children, so the next generation might know them… that they in turn might teach their children. So each generation can set its hope anew on God…

TAKE THE TEST OF TRUST:

No Condemnation: I Trust I'M FORGIVEN.

Romans 8:1– There is now no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

QUESTION: What would change in your daily life if you fully trusted that you were truly and totally forgiven?

No Domination: I Trust I'M FREE

Romans 8:2– Through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of Life has set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3– The Law of Moses could not save us, because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Romans 8:5-6– Those dominated by their sinful nature think about sinful things, but those controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please God… If the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace.

QUESTION: In what areas of your life do you still feel "dominated" or controlled by something other than the Spirit?

QUESTION: What does it practically look like to have your mind "controlled by the Spirit"?

No Termination: I Trust I'LL LIVE FOREVER

Romans 8:11– The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. So just as He raised Christ from the dead, He will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit!

Romans 8:24– For in this hope we were saved.

QUESTION: Do you live more like a citizen of heaven or of this world? What would it look like to shift that?

No Limitation: I Trust I HAVE ACCESS TO ALL HE HAS TO OFFER

Romans 8:16-17– God's Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we will share His treasures—for everything God gives to His Son, Christ, is ours, too!

Romans 8:17b-18– But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering. Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will give us later.

QUESTION: Do you truly believe you have access to the "treasures" of God as His child? Why or why not?

No Miscalculation: I Trust I HAVE PURPOSE

Romans 8:28– We know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him, who've been called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:29– For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn with many brothers and sisters.
Romans 8:26- Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs and groans.
QUESTION: When has God used a difficult season in your life for good, even if you didn't see it right away?
QUESTION: Do you believe God is working in your life right now, even in what seems confusing or painful?

No Intimidation: I Trust I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR

Romans 8:31– What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?
Romans 8:33– Who can accuse the people God has chosen? No one, because God is the One who makes them right.
Romans 8:37– None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us.
QUESTION: What does it mean to live unafraid, but not careless?

No Deprivation: I Trust GOD WILL PROVIDE ALL MY NEEDS

Romans 8:32– Since God did not spare even His own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?
QUESTION: How does giving up His Son prove that God won't hold back what you truly need?

No Separation: I Trust I WILL ALWAYS BE LOVED

Romans 8: 38-39– I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Ephesians 4:1– …Live and act in a way worthy of those who have been chosen for such wonderful blessings as these.
QUESTION: What would it look like for you to "live in a way worthy" of all the blessings mentioned in Romans 8?

CLOSING QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Which of these "No's" is hardest for you to fully trust in right now?
QUESTION: What's one area where you sense God is inviting you to grow in trust? How can this group encourage you to walk in that?