



Where Am I Placing My Trust?

👉 ICEBREAKER

Start out with 1-2 icebreaker questions/activities with your group.

💡 BIG IDEA

Jesus invites us to place our trust in Him. He is capable of caring for every need we have. We cannot place our ultimate trust in Him and also in the things of this world.

📖 READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES

Matthew 19:16-22 (NLT)

Someone came to Jesus with this question: “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”

“Why ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.”

“Which ones?” the man asked.

And Jesus replied: “You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.”

“I’ve obeyed all these commandments,” the young man replied. “What else must I do?”

Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

“Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe the attitude of the Corinthians in their giving, and how did it affect Paul and others?
2. What are some ways we reap generously when we give generously? How have you experienced this personally?
3. What helps you to keep your eyes on the Supplier more than on your supply?
4. Do you believe that God can re-supply what you give away? How has He done this for you?
5. How has God recently blessed/en-riched you so that you can be generous?
6. What is God showing you about what He wants you to release or give to the One Life initiative?

CONCLUSION

God is making an invitation to trust Him at greater levels. There is true joy and freedom when we trust God more than anyone or anything.

Asking these questions may be difficult and challenging, but **if we keep our eyes on Him and release what He has given us, it could make all the difference.**

PRAY

Close in prayer with/for your group.

LINKS

- Message Video: <https://youtube.com/echochurch>
- One Life Series: <https://echo.church/oneliferies>
- Activate: echo.church/activate
- Give: echo.church/give