
DUST

Week 2: Trusting in Nothing But Christ.



Dust. It's the stuff we walk in, clear off furniture, or stir up when we go digging in the garden. In the ancient world, the rabbis had a saying: "May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi." In other words, may you live and follow your teacher for all of life so closely, that the dust of your rabbi covers you. This Lent, we're looking to follow Jesus more closely, give up our sins + shortcomings, give more of all we are +

have, and transformed to new life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is the Lenten journey of giving up, giving more, and following more closely challenging you?
2. *Read Psalm 56.* This Psalm is a remembrance of David's being seized by the Philistines (one of the sworn enemies of Israel) in Gath after the King of Israel, Saul, threatened to kill him. (cf. 1 Samuel 21:10-15). What words, thoughts, feelings, or images come to mind as you read the passage?

One of the key words in the passage is "trust" (vs. 3, 4, 11). What does David say about trusting God throughout the passage? How is this significant, especially given his circumstances?

3. In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust God? How does this affect the manner in which you are able to give up, take on, and follow Jesus more closely?
4. *Read Luke 9:57-62.* We read this passage Sunday, and heard Jesus' challenge to those who say they will follow him. As you re-read this passage again tonight, what was challenging about it? Jesus asks quite a bit from his followers...why is this the case? Is there an element of trust here that Jesus is seeking from us? If so, what is it? If not, why not?
5. (20 minutes) Break into groups of men and women. Find separate areas of your meeting space. Discuss + Pray: As you are giving up, giving more, and following Jesus more closely, pray for one another in light of individual answers to #3 above. Take the time and care to pray for each person in the breakout session.
6. *Reconvene the group and re-read Psalm 56:7.* We have reflected on trusting in God tonight. Consider David's words to God in Psalm 56:7; he is totally, openly, brutally honest about his feelings. How will you do the same this week as you pray and follow Jesus?

BE THE REVOLUTION

Jesus is TRUSTWORTHY; as we follow him and are covered in the dust of our rabbi, we TRUST that he will help us become more like him - loving what he loves and living as he lives.

RENOVATING THE HEART

"In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me" (*Psalm 57:11*)?