

“Trusting Through the Doubting”

HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of September 27, 2026

1 Let's Recap from last week!

Did anyone memorize this week's memory verse? Say the verse if you know it!

ICEBREAKER: What's something in your life that didn't go according to plan? After everyone shares, pray for your group time.

2 Let's Review the Message

Most of us have experienced the frustration of following GPS directions only to end up somewhere we never expected.

Sometimes our relationship with Jesus can feel the same way. We may think, “Jesus, I followed You. I prayed. I went to church. I served. I trusted You. So how did I end up here?”

John the Baptist understood that tension. John had faithfully obeyed God. He preached repentance, prepared the way for Jesus, baptized Him, and witnessed the Spirit descend on Jesus. Yet John eventually found himself sitting in prison.

His circumstances didn't look anything like he might have expected. From prison, John had questions and doubts, and John brought those directly to Jesus. We can trust Jesus through every season in life, even through seasons of doubt.

3 Let's Read the Word

Matthew 11:2-11; Luke 9:23

4 Let's Think

- Why do you think John's circumstances caused him to question Jesus as Messiah?
- What does John's account teach us about the reality that even strong believers can experience seasons of doubt?

5 Let's Share

- Have you ever experienced a season where you felt like, “I followed Jesus, so how did I end up here?”
- What kind of circumstances tend to create the most questions or doubts in your faith?
- When you're struggling spiritually, are you more likely to bring your questions to Jesus or withdraw from Him? Why?

6 Let's Do the Word

- Where might your circumstances be influencing your view of God more than God's Word is influencing your view of your circumstances?
- What question, disappointment, or frustration do you need to honestly bring to Jesus instead of carrying it alone? Who do you usually carry it to?

7 Let's Grow

- Read Luke 9:23 together. Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Him.
- What is one area where you are tempted to insist on “life on my terms”?
- What would trusting Jesus look like in that area this week?
- This week, memorize Luke 9:23. Be ready to speak your memory verse with the group next week!

8 Let's Pray

- Pray for each person to ask God to trust even when they don't understand, for heart to be align with the Word and to remain faithful to their assignment.” Pray together over any requests.

Coming Up at Hope

Oct 1 - Hope Sisterhood/Fill My Cup
6:30pm - bring a dessert & fall mug for exchange

Oct 4 - Hope Family Fall Fest
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