

THE NEW ABNORMAL

Small Group Questions “Trust Over Worry” | Exodus 6:1-9 Week 1: January 9, 2022

1. Have you caught yourself hearing or saying something like, “I guess this is the new normal” or “I just want to get back to normal.” Is that necessarily a good or bad thing? Why or why not?
2. Using our approach to the news lately, Steven claimed that distrust seems quite popular right now. How does our current culture of distrust leave the door open for the Church to foster a humble confidence in God and his goodness?
3. Read Exodus 6:2-4. We can trust God because of...
 - a. Who He is
 - b. What’s He’s done
 - c. What He’s promised to do
 - d. Which of these 3 reasons do you find especially significant/encouraging? Why that one?
4. Re-read verses 6-8.
 - a. Focus on the 7 “I will’s”
 - b. Moses still has a role to play in God’s plan, but why is it significant God promised to do *so much*? How can that encourage us when we’re tempted to worry?
5. One of the ways we were challenged to respond was to trust Jesus with our whole heart. Read Proverbs 3:5-6
 - a. What stands out to you from these verses?
 - b. In what practical ways are you being challenged this year to follow Jesus with your whole heart?
 - i. For reference, Steven mentioned the following ideas:
 1. Trust him enough to be in his word
 2. Trust him enough to turn off the news
 3. Trust him enough to delete your social media accounts if they’re not helping you follow Jesus and trust him that your real friends will still be there
 4. Trust him enough to finally kill off that secret sin that’s been killing you for so long you don’t even see it’s dangerous anymore
 5. Trust Jesus with your past
6. The last way we were challenged to respond was to trust Jesus enough to share your story with someone this year. Spend some time sharing with the group who that might be.

*****As you close in prayer this week, pray *by name* for specific people in your life who do not know Jesus. Pray that *they* would be open to the Gospel and pray that *you* would seek out chances to be fishers of men in their life and start a spiritual conversation this week.*****