Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Imagine if you could trust God with your cares and anxieties. How would this change in focus affect the rest of your life?

GETTING STARTED

1. Share about a time when you lost your trust in someone. What happened? Did this person ever regain your trust, and how?

BIBLE IDEA

- 2. Read Acts 3:1-10. What did the lame man seek from Peter and John? What did the lame man receive instead? For what reason do you think this man was healed?
- 3. Read Acts 3:11-20. What reasons did Peter give to the crowd, who witnessed the man's healing, about the importance of repentance (vs. 19-20)? What do you think regular repentance does for your soul as you trust in and rely on God?
- 4. Read Acts 4:5-12. How do you think Peter was able to speak so boldly to this group of highly powerful men when asked "by what power or name" he healed the crippled man (v. 10)? Discuss how Peter's trust in Jesus factors into his bold response. Does your trust in the Lord rely on what He does for you, and why or why not?
- 5. Acts 4:13-22. Why do you think Caiaphas and the others in the High Counsel wanted to quiet Peter, even as they witnessed the man's healing? Though they instructed Peter and John to stop speaking about Jesus, how did Peter and John respond (vs. 19-20)? What spiritual insight regarding absolute trust in Jesus did you gain from this passage?
- 6. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. With what three areas do we need to trust God, if we want to straighten out our lives? Which one seems most difficult for you? Talk about an incident where you began to trust the Lord with a situation and it turned into a great experience of spiritual growth.

NEXT STEPS

7. Here are seven steps to trust God: stop depending on yourself; cry out to God first; run from evil; keep Jesus first; check yourself against God's Word; listen to the Holy Spirit; and, rest in God's love. Which one will you focus on this week, and how?