



LIFE GROUP STUDY MATERIAL

Every Home a *Discipleship Centre*

Session #8

Entrusting: Discipleship
Trusts God with What
Matters Most

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LESSON AIM

To understand why God can be trusted with what matters most and learn to entrust our children, pain and future to Him while faithfully passing the gospel to the next generation.

VIDEO LESSON

Link to video: https://youtu.be/z7qs9XMPFEE?si=ChWpnrpZqVI0_nlp

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:12

"For I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day."

2 Timothy 1:12 (NASB 1995)

INTRODUCTION

We live in a culture that is obsessed with control. We track our finances, manage our schedules, plan for the future and try to protect those closest to us. Yet children grow up and make their own decisions, circumstances change, storms arrive unexpectedly and even our best plans can fail. The older we become, the more we realise that control is often an illusion. **What we cannot control, we must learn to entrust.**

To entrust means to place something precious into the care of someone who is trustworthy. Writing from prison with an uncertain future, Paul declared:

"For I know whom I have **believed**, and I am **convinced** that He is **able to guard** what I have **entrusted** to Him until that day."

2 Timothy 1:12 NASB 1995

Paul did not know what his future held, but he knew the One in whom he had placed his trust. In the same way, discipleship requires us to faithfully do what God has called us to do while entrusting our children, families and everything that matters most to His care.

A. ENTRUSTING REQUIRES A NEW HEART

Ezekiel 36:26 says,

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.

Ezekiel 36:26 NKJV

A heart of stone is suspicious of God, determined to remain in control and reluctant to trust anyone fully. However, a new heart recognises that God is faithful and willingly places what matters most into His hands. Entrusting is not simply a change in our habits; it flows from a heart that has been transformed through a relationship with Christ.

Relationship creates rest. Just as a child can rest in the back seat of a car because they trust the parent who is driving, the more deeply we know God, the more confidently we can entrust our lives and loved ones to Him. This does not mean withdrawing from our responsibility to disciple those in our homes. It means faithfully doing what God has called us to do while trusting Him with the outcomes we cannot control.

B. ENTRUSTING RESTS ON GOD'S CHARACTER

We can only entrust something precious to someone we know is trustworthy. John 17:3 teaches us that eternal life is found in knowing the only true God. Scripture reveals that God is sovereign and remains in control (Psalm 115:3), God is good and always does what is good (Psalm 119:68), God is love and demonstrated His love through Christ's death for us (1 John 4:8; Romans 5:8), God is omniscient and knows every part of our lives (Psalm 139:2), and God is our Judge and King who will ultimately make all things right (Mark 14:62).

These truths anchor us when life feels uncertain or painful. Joseph could look back on the evil committed against him and declare,

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good,

Genesis 50:20 ESV

Entrusting means reading our circumstances through what we know about God's character, rather than judging God's character through our circumstances. Instead of only asking, "Why is this happening?" we can ask, "What do I know about God?"

C. ENTRUSTING STANDS ON CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

First Corinthians 15:3–4 declares that

3 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 ESV

The resurrection is the foundation of our faith and the assurance that Jesus can be trusted. Because He conquered sin and death, we can trust His words, depend on His promises and entrust our lives and eternity to Him.

This is especially important as we disciple those in our homes. We can teach, guide, provide and prepare them for the future, but we cannot transform their hearts or give them eternal life. Only the risen Christ can save and change them. We therefore faithfully point them towards Jesus while entrusting their hearts, lives and eternity into His hands.

Conclusion

Entrusting is part of the discipleship process. We can prepare our children for the future, but only God can transform their hearts. This is why we must continually entrust our children, pain and future into His loving hands through prayer. We continue to fulfil our responsibilities faithfully while recognising that what we cannot control is always safer in God's hands than in our own.

We have also been entrusted with the gospel. Second Timothy 1:14 calls it a treasure entrusted to us, while 2 Timothy 2:2 instructs us to entrust this truth to faithful people who will pass it on to others. Our responsibility is therefore both to entrust what matters most to God and to faithfully pass the gospel to the next generation. What are you holding too tightly today that you need to place into God's hands?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Instructions for group facilitators: Every group is different. You may modify the discussion questions to suit your group and you do not need to use all the questions in the group discussion.

Question 1: Share one key insight that stood out to you from the lesson. Was there anything that particularly resonated with you?

Question 2: Why do you think it can be difficult for us to entrust the things that matter most to God?

Question 3: Read 2 Timothy 1:12. What gave Paul confidence to entrust his uncertain future to God?

Question 4: What is the difference between a heart that tries to control everything and a new heart that trusts God?

Question 5: Why is knowing God's character essential to entrusting our lives and loved ones to Him?

Question 6: How does growing in our relationship with God help us release control and rest more confidently in His care?

Question 7: What is one area of your life that you may be holding too tightly, and what would it practically look like to entrust it to God?

Question 8: What does it mean to guard the gospel entrusted to us and faithfully pass on to others?

NEXT STEPS

Take some time this week to identify something you may be holding too tightly, whether it concerns your children, pain, future or another area beyond your control. Bring it honestly before God in prayer and intentionally place it into His care. Remind yourself of what you know about His character: He is sovereign, good, loving and trustworthy. Continue to fulfil your responsibilities faithfully, but trust God with the outcome. Also consider one practical way you can guard the gospel entrusted to you and pass it on to someone in the next generation. Remember, what we cannot control, we must learn to entrust.