

Week 2: Why Should I Trust God with my Future

Message Overview: Entrusting our future to someone without knowing the outcome can often feel overwhelming and, at times, even perplexing. Yet, God does not call us to a faith that is blind or without understanding. Rather, He invites us to seek knowledge of Him, to grow in relationship with Him through His Word and through Jesus Christ. It is through knowing Him that we come to understand His character, His promises, and His faithfulness. And it is upon this firm foundation of knowledge that we can place our trust in Him, surrendering all our concerns, especially our future, into His loving hands.

Key Scripture: Jeremiahs 9:23-24; other key verses: Psalm 103:1-17, Romans 8:28

Key points:

Introduction:

- Have you ever tried to plan out your entire future? [consider providing examples]
 - What school you'll go to...who you'll go to prom with...what job you'll have, etc. only for something to completely change your plans?
 - Maybe you thought you'd be a pro athlete – then realized you're terrible at sports! Or maybe you planned to be rich and famous, but so far, your claim to fame is a viral TikTok with 12 likes. Life doesn't always go the way we expect...which can be frustrating, or even scary.
- What if trusting your future wasn't about having everything figured out, but about knowing the one who does? In Jeremiah 9:23-24, God tells us not to put our confidence in things like wisdom, strength, or success, but in knowing Him. Why? Because He is kind, just, and faithful.
- When we look at Jesus, we see exactly who God is – full of love, mercy, and truth. The more we know Him, the easier it is to trust Him with our future, even when life takes unexpected turns.

Knowing Who God Is Helps Us Trust Him

- We don't have to be the strongest, smartest or most successful – our greatest confidence comes from knowing God.
- God is kind, just, and faithful, and the more we understand Him, the more we can trust Him with our future. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)
- When we know God's character, we can rest knowing He will guide us in the right direction. (Psalm 103:1-5)

Know God's Justice - It Means He's in Control

- He is always acting in righteousness
 - Even when life feels uncertain, we can trust that God sees the bigger picture and is working things out in His perfect timing.
 - He promises to use every situation—good or bad—for our ultimate good. (Romans 8:28)
 - Because God is just, we don't have to stress about controlling everything. We can trust He's got our future in His hands.

Know God's Love and Mercy - It Give Us Peace and Strengthens our Trust

- God's love never runs out, and His mercy never fails. That means we can face the future without fear. (Jeremiah 9:24)
- Even when life is uncertain, God's love stays the same, giving us security and confidence. (Psalm 103:11-12)

Know God's Faithfulness – It Means We Can Count on Him

- The more we understand that God is always just, kind, and righteous, the more we can trust Him. (Jeremiah 9:24)

- He's been faithful before, and He won't stop now—He will guide, provide, and protect us in every season. (Psalm 103:17)

Know God Wants a Relationship with You

- Knowing God isn't just about facts—it's about a real relationship, made possible through Jesus. (Jeremiah 9:24)
- He isn't distant. He wants you to know Him personally and walk with Him every day.
- Trust Grows When We Know God is With Us
 - When we realize that God is present and actively involved in our lives, it's easier to trust Him with our future. (Psalm 103:13)
 - Jesus makes this relationship possible—He is the way to knowing God.

Application

- You're Not Alone in Facing the Future
 - Life can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to figure it out on your own. God knows you, loves you, and has a plan for your life.
 - Surrender your concerns to God
 - Start your day with a simple prayer: "God, I trust You with today and my future. Help me follow Your lead."
- Real Confidence Comes from Knowing God
 - Achievements and success won't bring true security. Confidence comes from trusting in who God is and knowing He's in control of your future.
 - Consider spending 5 minutes each day reading the Bible (start with Jeremiah 9:23-24 or Psalm 103) and write down one thing you learn about God's character.
- God's Love and Mercy Never Change
 - No matter what happens, God's love stays the same—He's compassionate, forgiving, and always ready to help. That's a solid reason to trust Him, even in uncertain times.
 - Whenever you feel anxious, pause and remind yourself: "God loves me, and He's in control." Find a Scripture passage to cling to when you're anxious.
- Jesus Shows Us Who God Is
 - If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. He reveals God's kindness, justice, and mercy, proving that God is always faithful to His promises.
 - Pick one story about Jesus (like John 10:11-15) and reflect on how it shows God's love for you.
- A Relationship with Jesus Changes Everything
 - Jesus doesn't just introduce us to God—He invites us into a personal relationship that changes how we see life and the future.
 - Knowing Him more deeply through His Word strengthens your trust in His faithfulness. Make time to read Scripture, pray, and reflect on how God has shown His goodness in the past, so you can be confident in the future.
 - Take one intentional step to grow your relationship with Jesus this week—pray, worship, or talk to a friend about faith.
- God's Plan Brings Peace
 - When you trust Jesus, you can stop stressing about the future because you know God is good, merciful, and always working for your best.
 - Write down one worry about your future, then pray and ask God to take control of it. Keep it as a reminder that He's in charge.

- ***Gospel Proclamation:*** God showed His love and His trustworthiness through Jesus Christ. Jesus lived the life we couldn't, died for our sins, and rose again to give us eternal life. Because of Jesus, we know that God is with us and will never leave us. We can trust Him with our future, knowing He holds it in His hands.

Key question/application: Do I trust God with my future? Or am I relying on my own strength and wisdom? What areas of my life am I trying to control?

Community Group questions:

- Read Jeremiah 9:23-24. What stands out?
- How does knowing who God is help you trust Him with your future?
- What has helped you learn more about God? (Reading the Bible, prayer, experiences, etc.)
- What's one thing you can do each day to grow closer to God?
- Are there areas of your life that are hard to "give to God"? What step can you take to trust Him more?