

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are delivered to discover the only true God in Whom we can trust.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

God will do what He says, and what God does is best.

TEACHING SUMMARY:

What we learn about God in Scripture is true about Him today because He never changes. We need to see God as good before we can trust in Him. God led the Israelites to dead ends so they would trust Him with the impossible; to dry holes so they would trust Him with disappointment; to deserts so they would trust Him with dissatisfaction; and detours so that they would trust Him when life doesn't go as planned. In the same ways we are called to embrace God's goodness and trust Him in all circumstances. We are challenged to examine ourselves ... will we trust that God receiving glory in our lives, by itself, is good?

TALK IT OVER (DISCUSS ONE OR MORE):

Read Hebrews 13:8. What does it mean to you that Jesus never changes? What does it mean that when we see Jesus, we see God?

What experiences have you had in your life with dead ends, dry holes, deserts, and detours? Explain how those experiences challenged your trust in God.

Have there been times when it has felt as if God had become distant? What do you think changed?

How would you explain to someone that we 'trust by obeying' God? What has it been like to trust that God will give you what you need, not necessarily what you want?

Read Romans 8:28. When have you seen these words lived out around you? What makes it difficult to believe the promise of this verse?

What does it mean to you for God to receive glory in your life? How does God receiving glory relate to the dead ends, dry holes, deserts, and detours in your life? Explain how it is good that God allows challenges in our lives?

OTHER SCRIPTURES TO READ:

James 1:17

Isaiah 55:8-11

Philippians 1:6

Romans 3:3