

We Are the Church – Certainty vs. Trust
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As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up Together:

- Do you trust easily?

Read Together:

Proverbs 26:4-5

Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.

Romans 13:1-2

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Revelation 13:5-8

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life...

Matthew 5:17-18

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them **what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

Acts 11:26

The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Discuss Together:

- Have you ever felt confused by parts of the Bible that seem to contradict each other? How did you handle it?
- Have you ever struggled to know what God wants you to do in a challenging situation? What helped you?
- Do you think you've ever read the Bible in a way that supported what you already believed? How did that affect your view of the passage?
- Do you tend to look for certainty or trust in your faith journey? How does that affect your relationship with God?
- What do you think it means to see the Bible through the eyes of Jesus? How might this change the way you live?
- What does the cross mean to you personally when you think about your life and decisions?
- How do you feel when you make a mistake in your faith? Does knowing that God's love and grace are more immense give you comfort?
- How should we balance certainty and trust in our faith?
- As discussed in the message, what are the dangers of pursuing certainty over trust?

Pray Together:

Pray for wisdom to see things through the eyes of Jesus and to trust when there is no certainty.