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Back 2 the Basics

Lesson 6-

Faith &
Trust

Review- Did you all receive your cards from 2 weeks ago? How are you doing?

Common questions that we ask God because things don't make sense:

Why am I going through this trial?

When will I find the "one" God has created for me? Who is he/she?

What am I going to say to my lost friend?

What if I lose all of my friends?

What are my future plans?

I. God Gives His BEST to those who leave the choice with HIM

Read Proverbs 3:5-6 & Romans 8:28

A. God promises that He will **GUIDE** us and that His plans for us are for the **GOOD**

*He sees the **BIG PICTURE**

B. These promises apply to those who **TRUST** and **LOVE** (follow) God

Question: What does Proverbs 3:5 say about relying on the things that make sense to us?

II. God wants us to TRUST Him and follow Him by FAITH (Hebrews 11:1-3, 6)

Read Hebrews 11:1-3

A. **FAITH** is the ability to trust God when times are good, when times are bad, and when you just can't see what lies ahead

B. **FAITH** is showing God that **NOTHING** is more important to you than following Him

*Hebrews 11:6

1. As God directs, God wants you to take steps of faith trusting He knows best

2. Once God can trust you with little, He can trust you with more (Luke 16:10)

III. Great examples (Hebrews 11)

*Hand out "Hall of Faith" paper

Read Hebrews 11:32-40

Describe the faith of those listed in Hebrews 11:32-40?

-they went through far worse than we ever will, but kept going on by faith,
looking for the future promised Messiah

Read Hebrews 12:1-2

What is the challenge given to each of us in Hebrews 12:1-2?

-to learn from those who had faith and run the Christian life with endurance,
Keeping our eyes on Jesus

Small group discussion

Talk About It: God is an all-loving God. Does this mean He will make life easy for all?
-no

Question: So...who does God bless?
-those who trust and follow Him

Question: So...does that mean that all “good Christians” will have it easy? Why?
-Not easy. God is putting our faith to work

Discuss: God wants to walk beside you step by step. As He sees you trusting Him by faith, He will begin to open up bigger things in your life that He wants to do through you. Remember...God is a BIG God, who sees the BIG picture, and He made BIG plans for you to be a part of what He is doing. Don't miss out!

Ask Yourself: Can I think of a time in my life when things worked out great in the end after taking a step of faith, but I worried about it at first? What would I have missed out if I wouldn't have taken that step?

Ask Yourself: What is one step of faith that I am willing to take in the next 2 days that I know God is burdening my heart with?

Take it Home
Read Proverbs 3:5-12
(complete the Hebrews 11 worksheet)