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Discussion
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"EffortLess"

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The Point:

LESS OF *me* MEANS MORE *Trusting God's Plan*

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Would you rather have perfect sight in complete darkness, but blind in light, OR have x-ray vision outside, but be blind indoors?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Read Matthew 11:2-3. Why was John asking this question? When have *your* circumstances made you question God's plan?
- Read Matthew 11:4-6. Jesus response wasn't about fixing John's situation, but letting John know that His plan can be trusted—and this was a comfort to John! Why do you think that was a comfort to him?
- Read Proverbs 3:5-7. Why does Solomon use such absolute words in this passage? Why do we often live in "most/some" instead of "all"?
- Let's be real, it's not easy to trust God, however, through EVERY situation God is ALWAYS interested in our best. Look at the following passages and discuss two things: 1) What must the situation have *felt* like for the humans involved 2) What was God's bigger plan?
 - *We Can Trust God in the Unexpected: Our Fear*
 - John 11:1-6...32-44; Genesis 39:2-21 & 50:19-20
 - *We Can Trust God in the Unrest: Our Calling*
 - Acts 10:9-23; Judges 7:1-8...15-22
 - *We Can Trust God in the Unexpected: Our Troubles*
 - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; 1 Samuel 24:1-2 & Psalm 57
- As you think about trusting God, which one of the above three are the biggest struggle for you right now? What do you need to remember about God in this situation?

The References

Main Passage: Matthew 11:2-6 (NIRV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

John was in prison. When he heard what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to him. They asked Jesus, "Are you the one who was supposed to come? Or should we look for someone else?"...

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

John 11:1-6...32-44 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ...

Genesis 39:2-21 & 50:19-20 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Acts 10:9-23*too long to print, read passage in Bible

Judges 7:1-8...15-22 NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.'" ...

2 Corinthians 12:7-1020*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

1 Samuel 24:1-2 & Psalm 57*too long to print, read passages in Bible