

# FIND ALL THE GOOD TRAILS!

## As you study your assigned question:

1. Choose a facilitator to keep you on track and on time
2. Choose a reporter to make notes and respond to questions in the general wrap-up time
3. *Individually:* Select and underline one expression (a group of words, a phrase or a sentence) that totally stands out for you
4. Briefly share your choice with the group, and say why you chose it
5. In the group, tell one-minute stories from the Bible or from your own experience that illustrate the scriptural teaching
6. Pray over the things that have stuck in your mind



## Question 1...

### Can we afford to take risks?



1) Psalm 25:10, The Message

From now on every road you travel  
Will take you to GOD.  
Follow the Covenant signs;  
Read the chartered directions.

2) Psalm 48:14, The Message

Our God forever,  
who guides us till the end of time.

3) Proverbs 2:6-13, The Message

GOD gives out Wisdom free,  
is plainspoken in Knowledge and  
Understanding.

He's a rich mine of Common Sense for those  
who live well,  
a personal bodyguard to the candid and  
sincere.

He keeps his eye on all who live honestly,  
and pays special attention to his loyally  
committed ones.

So now you can pick out what's true and fair,  
find all the good trails!

Lady Wisdom will be your close friend,  
and Brother Knowledge your pleasant  
companion.

Good Sense will scout ahead for danger,  
Insight will keep an eye out for you.  
They'll keep you from making wrong turns,  
or following the bad directions  
Of those who are lost themselves  
and can't tell a trail from a tumbleweed.

4) Proverbs 3:3-7, The Message

Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart;  
don't try to figure out everything on your  
own.

Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do,  
everywhere you go;

he's the one who will keep you on track.  
Don't assume that you know it all.  
Run to GOD! Run from evil!

## Question 2...

### Is it viable for us to trust God totally?



1) Psalm 36:5, 6, The Message

God's love is meteoric,  
his loyalty astronomic,  
His purpose titanic,  
his verdicts oceanic.  
Yet in his largeness  
nothing gets lost;  
Not a man, not a mouse,  
slips through the cracks.

2) Psalm 86:15-16, The Message

But you, O God, are both tender and kind,  
not easily angered, immense in love,  
and you never, never quit.  
So look me in the eye and show kindness,  
give your servant the strength to go on.

3) Lamentations 3:21-24,32-33, The Message

But there's one thing I remember,  
and remembering, I keep a grip on home:  
GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out,  
his merciful love couldn't have dried up.  
They're created new every morning.  
How great your faithfulness!  
I'm sticking with GOD (I say it over and over).  
He's all I've got left....  
If he works severely, he also works tenderly.  
His stockpiles of loyal love are immense.  
He takes no pleasure in making life hard,  
in throwing roadblocks in the way.

4) Hebrews 10:23, NIV

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we  
profess, for he who promised is faithful.

## Question 3...

### Is there a word from God as we step out into uncertainty?



1) Deuteronomy 31:8, NIV

"The LORD himself goes before you and will  
be with you; he will never leave you nor  
forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be  
discouraged."

2) Joshua 1:5, NIV

"No-one will be able to stand up against you  
all the days of your life. As I was with  
Moses, so I will be with you; I will never  
leave you nor forsake you."

3) Isaiah 41:10, NIV

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be  
dismayed, for I am your God. I will  
strengthen you and help you; I will uphold  
you with my righteous right hand."

4) Matthew 28:20, NIV

"Surely I am with you always, to the very  
end of the age."

5) Hebrews 13:5, NIV

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never  
will I forsake you."

6) 2 Corinthians 1:20-22, The Message

Whatever God has promised gets stamped  
with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we  
preach and pray, the great Amen, God's yes  
and our Yes together, gloriously evident. God  
affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ,  
putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has  
stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure  
beginning of what he is destined to complete.

## **Question 4...** **But we feel so weak. The mission seems impossible.**



1) Genesis 18:14, NIV

"Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

2) Numbers 11:23, NIV

The LORD answered Moses, "Is the LORD's arm too short?"

3) Jeremiah 32:27, 17 NIV

"I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?  
"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

4) Mark 10:27, NIV

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

5) Luke 1:37; 18:27 NIV

"Nothing is impossible with God."  
Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

6) Matthew 17:20, NIV

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

7) Ephesians 1:18-23, The Message

I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so

that you can see exactly what he is calling you to do....oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe....He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

8) 2 Corinthians 2:14, NIV

Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ.

## **Concluding prayer and praise...**



1) Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

2) Revelation 7:11-12, NIV

All the angels were standing round the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"