

The Book of Acts: God in a Multicultural Movement

Week #5 / October 20—26 / Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trusting God”

Introduction

Last week we wrestled more with life together and what that means for how we regard our money and property! Walking together with God in his multicultural movement shakes things up!

This week we take a break from Acts and dive into the topic of “Trusting God” as a follow up discussion from Jerry Scott’s sermon of the same name.

You’ve heard the sermon for this week. (If not just go to

<http://fpcdowney.com/sermons/> and click on the sermon for **Proverbs 3:5-6**)

Getting Started

- **Please begin by reporting** on how it went with your commitment to step out and do something in response to last week’s study. What happened?
- When it comes to new situations and new people are you a “trusting” kind of a person, or a cautious person or a hesitant and controlling kind of a person?
- **Read the passage outloud / Proverbs 3:5-6**
 - ⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.*
 - ⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.*

What Does It Say?

- 1) Did we get a definition of “trust” in the sermon? What is “trust?”
- 2) In verse 5, what is the assumed relationship between trusting God and the human heart.
- 3) What is the role of the mind, experience, and human wisdom, if we are not to rely on our own “insight?” What is meant by “insight?”
- 4) To “acknowledge” God means what?

What Does It Mean?

1) Jerry highlighted a number of things that are enemies of / obstacles to trust. Try to reconstruct his list, comment on each one and share your past experience in the light of these.

2) Please list and comment on (share experiences about) Jerry's recommended ways of overcoming these enemies /obstacles to trust.

What Does It Mean to Us/Me?

1) What for you personally is the most challenging part of this week's passage and sermon?

2) What in your opinion would be the most challenging aspect of this passage for the FPC congregation as a whole?

3) Do you hear God saying anything to you right now about an area where you must trust him? If so, what does trusting God in this area look like?

4) What is one, simple, concrete thing from the sermon or today's study you believe you ought to take action on and do in the coming days? Will you commit to trying it and ask the group to ask you how it went next week when you gather again.*

*This step is what makes the difference between harmless discussions versus periods of spiritual growth where people began to have experiences of God because they have stepped out in faith. ("Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22)