


# TRUST ISSUES



*The #1 catalyst for spiritual growth is reading and reflecting on the Bible.  
Use these questions for personal study or as part of a community group experience.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

**3/18/2018**

This is the last week of sermon-based discussion questions for the Trust Issues series. This discussion will focus on the topic of worship and the name of God, "El Elyon," often translated "God Most High".

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What did you enjoy most out of Sunday's service, sermon and worship?
2. Was anything challenging or particularly impactful from Sunday?
3. Reflecting over the series and group experience as a whole, what stands out most?
4. Derek shared one individual's struggle with worshipping God, chalking it up to an egocentric and needy image of God. What do you think of this perspective of God? Are there strengths or weaknesses to this view?
5. What things in your life tend to get your best attention and devotion? Why?
6. How does your attention and devotion guide your decisions and life style?
7. Worship is a matter of devotion and attention. Granting that God is worthy of worship, how do we practically show devotion and attention to God?

8. Matthew 22:37-38 tells us “love the Lord your God”. What does this look like?

When you think of this phrase do you think of worship?

9. What are some ways worship is expressed?
10. Worship has been described as loving God back. What does this mean to you?
11. How has God demonstrated love to us? Or what has been expressed toward you that is worthy of a loving response?
12. *El Elyon* (אל עליון) translates as “God Most High.” What is meant by “most high”? How does this description or appellation inform our worship?
13. What decisions might be different if your attention and devotion were more focused, through worship, on God?
14. Are there things in your life that need to be demoted so that worship might be promoted? If so, what is one area that you would like to see adjusted?

### **Closing Prayer**

Father, you are great and mighty. You stand above all things and in you all things have their origin. You are the Most High God who established the foundations of this world and yet seek relationship with lowly humanity. Remind me of your glory and power that my attention and devotion might be captivated by your awesomeness. May I give my life in devotion to you and your purposes, lead me in the path of truth that I might grow in trust. In Jesus name I pray, amen.