



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

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Being present is a challenge, and who we want present in our lives depends on their character. Is God faithful? Will he remain present when things get challenging? This week, we discuss the name “The Lord is There”.

QUESTIONS

1. What did you take away from Sunday’s message?
2. Did anything from Sunday’s message challenge or increase your understanding of God?
3. Re-read Exodus 33:12-18. What stands out to you from this passage? What does it communicate about the relationship between God and Moses?
4. Have you ever experienced God in a moment of great loss or great love? When? What did this look like?
5. Do you feel like you’ve been conditioned, predisposed, to trust in God? Or the opposite?
6. How does truth build trust? When it comes to the messages about God, how do we figure out what is true?

7. Understanding is a bridge to trust. When you think about the story of Jesus, how does Jesus' life convey his understanding of our situation?

8. When you think of Moses' prayer: "Show me your ways...show me your glory". How can these two statements inform our own relationship with God?

9. Adonai Shammah (יהוה שמה) literally means "The Lord is there" or "Yahweh is there". What does it mean for God to be there with you? Have you experienced this? What form(s) did it take?

10. God is present with Israel even when they try to run from him or replace him (Psalm 139:7-12). How does this affect your understanding of God?

11. Is there an area in your life that you feel God's absence?

12. Is there an area in your life where you'd like to push God out of? If so, why?

13. At this moment in your life, what would turning to God look like? What would be different if you turned to him?

Closing Prayer

Father, thank you that you remain faithful despite my faithlessness. Lord, I am prone to wander from you. Yet you draw me back to you with words of love and grace. Grant me the strength to respond to you. To turn to you during times of loss and moments of love. May I discover your acceptance and embrace in those moments when you feel absent. May I also discover the strength to release to you those areas that I seek to keep removed from you. In Jesus name I pray, amen.