

CREATING LIVING TRUSTING

HEBREWS 10:16 

This is the covenant that I will make with them.

*After these days, says the Lord,
I will place my laws in their hearts
And write them on their minds.*

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JEREMIAH 31:33b CEB

*I will put my instructions within them
and engrave them on their hearts.*

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

LIFE, AS WE KNOW ALL TOO WELL, IS IMPERFECT. Trials are inevitable. That's why the final eight-week module, **Trusting the Covenant**, looks at the crises that sometimes call covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

This module discusses the loss of hope, and how it is restored by faithfulness in the midst of suffering. From the story of Job, to the Hebrew exile, to the apocalyptic visions in Daniel and Revelation, we learn how faithful love is at work in everything—to restore hope, freedom, and wholeness to our lives.

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EPISODE 17

John; 1, 2, and 3 John

Leader Guide

Participant Guide

Meditation Guide

1 John

The message: God is light

This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: “God is light and there is no darkness in him at all.” If we claim, “We have fellowship with him,” and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully. But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.

1 John 1:5-7

Praying the word

After reading the scripture passage assigned for today, focus on the imagery used about light and darkness. Intercessory prayer will be your practice today, guided by the scripture. First, think of the news from around the world or in your region or neighborhood, and recall where there are people living in “dark” and heavy circumstances. This may be under the threat of war, hunger, human trafficking, addiction, loneliness, incarceration, poverty, genocide, job loss, or other circumstance brought on by human conflict, neglect, or hunger for power. For each



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circumstance that comes to mind, pray: “God, let your light shine in that place.” If, at the end of this time of prayer, one particular situation stays with you, learn more about it this week, and continue to pray for light to reveal what is happening to the people there.