



WEEK SIX | A PROMISE IS A PROMISE

Trust... It's hard to get and hard to maintain. It shouldn't be but it is, for us. We've all broken promises and sometimes it caused serious damage. The foundation of our relationship with God is love. The second is trust. We don't have to trust that God loves us. He already loves us whether we trust him or not. God's love makes trusting in him and his promises possible. He has a spotless track record. Trust is a two-way street. We can trust God. How can we make sure he and others can trust in us?

What's a promise you made (serious or funny) that you ended up breaking?

Why is it so easy for us to break promises, even when we mean them at the time?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Hebrews 6:13-20.

In court, witnesses swear to tell the truth because an oath binds words to something greater.

Why do you think God swore an oath in addition to his promise to Abraham?

What does it say about God's heart that he went out of his way to give us *double assurance* (promise + oath)?

Have you ever had to wait on God for something much longer than you expected?

What did you learn in the waiting?

Why is it important to remember that it is impossible for God to lie when we are going through trials?

Read Numbers 23:19 and Joshua 21:45. How do these verses strengthen your understanding of God's faithfulness?

APPLY IT

How does Christian hope differ from the everyday way we use the word "hope"?

Where do you personally need an anchor right now — an area of life where you feel like you might drift or be tossed around?

PRAY ABOUT IT

This week, when you start to feel discouraged or impatient, repeat this truth: “God cannot lie. His promises are secure.”

Make this time an indispensable part of your group. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.