

Trusting Jesus for the Future

FOCUS STATEMENT:

Remembering God's faithfulness in the past is a means of increasing our faith in God's future grace.

KEY VERSE:

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

MAIN IDEAS:

- > God has promised His future grace to His children.
- > Remembering God's faithfulness in the past is the solid foundation that informs our future hope.
- > The promises of God are purchased for the believer by the blood of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE:

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| 1) 2 Corinthians 1:20 | 4) John 14:1-3 | 7) 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 |
| 2) Hebrews 13:5-6 | 5) Philippians 1:6-7 | |
| 3) Psalm 27:13 | 6) Isaiah 46:9 | |

In Class

The unknown future can make us feel a _____.

Future g _____ is the g _____ that God has promised His children will be there for them in the f _____.

Remembering God's f _____ in the past gives us hope for the f _____.

2 Corinthians 1:20 means:

All of God's p _____ are true for the b _____.

What assurance or promise do the following verses give us:

> 2 Corinthians 1:20 _____

> Hebrews 13:5-6 _____

> Psalm 27:13 _____

> John 14:1-3 _____

> Philippians 1:6-7 _____

God tells us to remember the "former things" in Isaiah 46:9 because

He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. PSALM 112:7

Fellowship Time

Share

Here are some questions you may want to use to help you get started. This is just a starting point, so don't limit yourself to these questions.

- > What joys have you experienced this week?
- > How has God answered your prayer requests from last week?
- > What concerns would you like to pray about this week?
- > Do you have any struggles you would like to confess or to have some accountability with?

Special Sharing Focus

Share with your partner what you hope for in your future—either a month from now or even years from now. Then ask him/her to pray that you will be able to give that desire to the Lord and trust His wisdom and plan for you.

Encourage

Use the Word to encourage one another. For help in finding appropriate verses, see the Scripture Index in Appendix IV. (Remember the overarching truths of the Gospel and the sovereignty, grace, and glory of God.)

Pray

In class and at home during the week.

Prayer Requests

At Home

As you read your Bible this week, look for future grace. What are some words of future grace that you found?

You may want to make a poster for your room of the pitons from this lesson or your own pitons.

...all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus]. 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20A

I will never leave you or forsake you. HEBREWS 13:5B

I will come again and take you to myself. JOHN 14:3B

...I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! PSALM 27:1B

...He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion. PHILIPPIANS 1:6B

My pitons:

Remember to pray for and encourage your partner(s) this week.

