

**THE STORM BEFORE THE CALM**  
**Week 7: "Trust Me"**  
**May 31st, 2020**

***OPENING PRAYER***

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

***SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES***

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

***"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"***

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

**What is your favorite item you have purchased this year?**

***INTRODUCTION***

We are coming to the end of May and to the last week of our current series ***The Storm Before the Calm***. This week we are going to focus on the words of Jesus in a very familiar passage of scripture found in *John 14:1-7*.

We all realize these last few months have been unprecedented, challenging, and often times difficult. It is also in these moments where we are provided with the opportunity to allow our faith to grow in the midst of our struggles. Where do we place our trust as we experience these struggles? Our study this week is entitled ***"Trust Me."*** Listen to the words of Jesus as He invites us to *"trust in me."*

### ***Bible Storytelling: John 14:1-7***

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at John 14:1-7 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

### ***DISCUSSION:***

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- **How do you feel about Jesus' invitation to "trust in me" when you think about the difficult times we are facing today?**
  - **Following the command to "Trust in God, and trust also in me," Jesus spends the next several verses talking about who He is, where He is going, and how we may join Him. How does this help us to trust Him?**
  - **Share about a time when you really needed to trust God. What was that like for you? How did God respond?**
  - **Can you talk about something you are struggling with now? In what ways are you feeling anxious?**
  - **How will you choose to trust Jesus this week?**
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- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.