



# Hope Small Groups

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### Seven Words from the Cross: Trust

April 16 – 17, 2011

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Psalm 116: 5 – 6 (NIV)

- Would your friends say that you trust too much or not enough? Why?
- Do you find it easy to trust God during your more difficult experiences? Why or why not?

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- What truths do these verses speak to you?
- Re-read the verses in relation to the crucifixion. Does this bring any other element to your attention?
- Which part of trusting God is more difficult to you – that he loves you, is working behind the scenes or can handle anything you give him?
- While Jesus was dying on the Cross he said, *“Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit.”* What does this show you about the trust Jesus had in His Father?
- What tiny steps can you take this week to begin trusting God a little more?

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