

# Trust Matters

## Psalm 118: 1-9

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### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

It has been said: "Trust is like a paycheck; you earn it slowly and spend it quickly." For many of us, trust is something we place a high value on, and yet we don't know how best to build it nor how to be generous with it. When we fail to manage trust, we create an environment where suspicion underpins every relationship we have. In Psalm 118, we discover the reason we have to trust in the LORD as well as the peace it produces in our lives when we properly apply trust in our day-to-day relationships.

## REALIZE

### 1. You Need His Mercy

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalm 118:1-4, Psalm 118:5-7
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What is the biblical definition of mercy? How is this different from our culture's definition?

### 2. Mercy Leads to Trust

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalm 118:8-9
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - How can we know that the LORD is trustworthy? How would trusting God lead you to have more peace amid uncertainty?

### 3. Place Trust in the Gap

- **Scripture Reference;** Romans 8:1-3
- **Questions for reflection**
  - What does trust vs. suspicion mean? In what ways have you recently placed suspicion in the gap? What would it look like for you to move towards trusting the LORD amid a difficult time?

### Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?