

## **In God We Trust**

### Group Study Questions

#### **Opening Question:**

1. If you could instantly master any skill or profession, what would it be and why? How might that change your life?

#### **General Observation:**

2. In the sermon, Pastor Kris emphasized trusting God even when we don't understand. What stood out to you most about this concept?

#### **Understanding the Message:**

3. The sermon mentioned five different responses to culture from Christian history (Christ above culture, zealots, Pharisees, Sadducees, and transforming culture). Which of these responses do you see most prevalent in today's society? Why do you think that is?

4. Pastor Kris used the story of Jesus asking Peter to cast his nets into deep water (Luke 5:1-11) as an example of trusting God. What do you think was going through Peter's mind when Jesus made this request?

#### **Personal Application:**

5. The pastor said, "If you trust God's word, then, you know, there's some lessons, like we shouldn't worry about tomorrow." How easy or difficult do you find it to not worry about tomorrow? What practical steps can you take to trust God more with your future?

6. In what area of your life do you find it most challenging to trust God? Why do you think that particular area is difficult for you?

7. The sermon touched on the idea of Christians being "salt and light" in society. In what specific ways can you be "salt and light" in your workplace, school, or neighborhood this week?

#### **Action Steps:**

8. Pastor Kris challenged the congregation to participate in seeking the welfare of their city and country. What is one concrete action you can take this week to positively impact your community?

9. The sermon emphasized the importance of surrendering areas of our lives to God. What is one thing you need to surrender to God this week? How can the group support you in this?

#### **Sample Prayer:**

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your faithfulness and love. Help us to trust You even when we don't understand Your ways. Give us the courage to participate in Your work, even when it goes against our own logic or experience. Show us how to be salt and light in our communities, transforming the culture around us with Your love and truth. Help us to surrender those areas of our lives where we've been holding back. We trust You with our today and our tomorrow. In Jesus' name, Amen."