# THE "SHOULDS" I PUT ON GOD

A Reflection Guide



Identify a time when God did not act like you thought he should.

What happened?

How did you feel?

How did you react?

Have you ever made a private pact, contract or bargain with God? If so, what was it? Use the formula:

then God should		

At this point in your life, In what ways do you feel like God Owes you?

Be brutally honest with yourself here.

## Where is your relationship with God right now?

Where do you stand with him? Do you fully trust him? Are you confused by him? Are you angry at or blame him? Why? What will you do about your feeling of where you are at with God?

Reflect and respond to the main idea in the message:

Trust God for who he is and what he does, rather than getting stuck on what we think he should do.

What does this kind of trust look like for you?

Trust in God is based on him being good, trustworthy, and faithful. How have you experienced these qualities with God? Have you ever found God to fall short in these qualities? What happened?

How would your week be different if you fully trusted God for who he is and what he does?

Here are some scriptures to read and reflect on this week:

#### Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

#### Psalm 9:10

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

#### Psalm 33:20-22

We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

#### Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord, the Lord himself,
is the Rock eternal.

### Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

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The series "Should Happens" was inspired by this book: *Should Happens* by Todd Clark.