

## “Exercising Trust in Leaders” | Trusting Leaders

**GETTING STARTED:** Who is on your “Hall of Fame” trust list? What aspects of your life do you entrust to these people? Who would you like to think has your name on their list?

### EXPLORE THE TOPIC:

1. Who are the “leaders” in your life? What names first come to mind when you hear that term? Are more of the names within the church or the political arena?
2. Without getting “political,” what are some prominent moments in history when a political leader did something to break the trust of the public?
3. Review Psalm 21. According to verses 1 and 13, where does a “Biblical” leader receive their strength? What is the result of this trust, found in verse 7?
4. In what ways do certain people get an “instant trust factor” (surgeon, pilot, pharmacist)? How and why are leaders in the church treated differently?
5. How do the following examples from Psalm 20 help us develop and continue to place trust in leaders?
  - Urgent **prayer**, v. 1 and v. 9
  - Action **words** (answer, protect, help, etc.), throughout the chapter
  - Confident **trust**, v. 6-9
6. Summarize the two following strategies that can be used to develop a mindset of trust for our leaders:
  - “Believe the best about them”
  - “Don’t shoot the messenger”
7. Describe a time when you made a choice to support

leadership by giving your personal preferences a “back seat.”

8. Read Romans 13:1-7. Identify the action words (be subject, do what is right, etc.). How does a Christ-follower practically do each of these? What is a concrete example of an action that someone could take?
9. Why might it be hard for someone to pray for their leaders? How do past actions, differing viewpoints or other relational components impact trust?

### APPLY THE TRUTH:

Map out a “praying for leaders” routine for yourself this week. In each instance, use the example of 1 Peter 2:13 as a guide – submit, respect and honor.

- Sunday – church elders
- Monday – national leaders / election
- Tuesday – church pastors
- Wednesday – state leaders
- Thursday – small group leader
- Friday – city leaders
- Saturday – one leader you have a difficult time trusting

### PRAY:

Join other South Siders for a special evening of prayer on Monday, November 7 beginning at 6:30pm. There will be a special emphasis on seeking God for our nation and reading scripture.

### NOTES:

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