

# TALK IT OVER GUIDE- Working out and Working in

## Key Takeaways

- God's Care and Provision: God provides abundantly and sets us up for success. Trusting His guidance leads to fullness of life.
- The Choice of Trust: We are given the freedom to choose whether to trust God or not. Trusting God should be a willing decision, not one of compulsion.
- The Consequences of Distrust: Distrust leads to spiritual and emotional distress, as seen in the story of Adam and Eve.
- God's Unfailing Love: Even when we distrust Him, God continues to love us and is ever-present, urging us to return to Him.

# **Discussion Questions**

 Reflect on Provision: How have you experienced God's provision and care in your life? Can you share a specific instance where this was evident?

- Trust Challenges: What are some areas in your life where you find it difficult to trust God fully? What holds you back from trusting Him completely?
- Freedom to Choose: How does the freedom to choose your path impact your relationship with God? Can you think of a time when you chose your way over God's guidance? What was the outcome?
- Understanding Consequences: How do you feel about the idea that we
  often create chaos in our lives by not trusting God? Have you
  experienced this personally?
- Embracing God's Love: How does knowing that God still loves and stays with us even when we fail to trust Him change your perspective on your past and current struggles?

#### **Practical Applications**

- Daily Trust Exercise: This week, identify one area of your life where you are struggling to trust God and make a deliberate effort to surrender it to Him through prayer and action.
- Affirmations of Trust: Write down affirmations or scripture verses related to trusting God. Place them where you can see them daily to remind you of the truth.
- Accountability Partner: Pair up with a group member or friend to discuss areas where you need to build trust. Check in with each other throughout the week to encourage and pray for one another.
- Reflective Journaling: Spend time journaling each evening about moments throughout your day where you trusted God, and areas where you felt inclined to trust yourself instead.

## Closing

Encourage group members to reflect on personal stories of trust and mistrust, focusing on how they can each take steps toward greater trust in God. End with a group prayer, asking for God's strength, guidance, and the courage to trust Him fully each day.