BIG: Week 2 - “In All Your Waze”

➡ Ice Breaker/Intro:

Kent opened by acknowledging this past Sunday would be the last Sunday in our Manayunk theater location (we’re moving to Parkside starting April 2). That location’s meant a whole lot to Epic Church. What place (home, beach, camp, etc.) has some special or nostalgic meaning for you? Why?

Kent mentioned a bunch of crazy things we put our trust in, like Uber drivers and airplanes. What other crazy things we do trust all the time (or in some of your cases, you actually don’t trust)?

➡ Sermon Content:

“Nothing will impact your life more than what you think about God and what you think God thinks about you.”

“How you live your life will tell you something about what you think God is.”

Think about what different parts of your life might say about what you think about God—how you spend your time, how you spend money, how you treat people, how you deal with stress, etc. If you look at a particular area of your life, what does it reveal about what you think of God?

Isaiah 55: 8-9 - “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 40:28 - “...No one can fathom God’s understanding.”

God’s capacity for understanding is far greater than ours. There are times when we wonder why something’s happening, and God’s saying, “I don’t need you to be able to figure all of this out. You don’t even have the capacity. But I did create you with the capacity to trust.”

“Trust: acknowledging your need for, and then relying on someone else.”

In what ways do you struggle (or in what ways have you struggled) to trust someone or something?
How have you seen a lack of trust damage someone’s relationship(s), career, or progress?

**Proverbs 3:5** - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...*

Some of us may have a hard time trusting, but God made us to trust. We trust cars, planes, restaurants, computers, etc. every day.

God made us to trust—what other examples can you think of where we do trust easily?

How have you seen a strong sense of trust help your relationships (or the relationships of people you know) to thrive?

**Proverbs 3:6** - *...in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

If you’re tired of crooked paths, create a new pattern. We all tend to fall into patterns of behavior and/or thinking that reflect we’re not trusting God.

What patterns of behavior or thinking could be holding you back and might need to change?

“Waze knows...what I can’t know and sees what I can’t see, how to protect me and redirect me.” Kent talked about how much he loves using the app Waze. It knows the fastest, best way through. It warns him about police officers and potholes. If he goes off course, it recalculates a new plan to get him back on track. It never gives up on him. And the more he’s used it, the easier it is for him to trust it.

Your Heavenly Father has a plan for your life. He knows what you can’t know and sees what you can’t see.

“God’s greatest work in my life has happened on the back roads, when I couldn’t understand or see a way.”

Do you have a story of how God did some great work through something you couldn’t quite understand at the time? Are you going through something now you can’t quite understand or see a way through? Tell us about it.
Application and Next Steps:

In what ways are trust issues affecting your relationships? Who can you have a conversation with this week/what first steps can you take to move toward resolution there?

What areas of your life do you entrust to God the least? What can you do to start trusting Him with that?

What pattern of acting/thinking do you most need to change/begin to work on this week?

Do you have a situation now that you don’t understand--a back road? This week, write it down/write about it in a journal or safe space. Pray about it. Set a reminder to check in about this situation in a month, 6 months, a year.