

LIFE GROUP notes

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Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Discipleship Journey – Faith



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member what faith is and why it is important in our relationship with God?
2. What does Romans 10:17 tell us about faith? **(Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ.)**
3. What does Ephesians 2:8 tell us about saving faith? **(For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith and this is not from yourselves...)**
4. What pleases God according to Hebrews 11:6? **(And without faith it is impossible to please God...)**



Let's go deeper

5. What was Jesus' words to the woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8:48? **(Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.)**
6. What does Hebrews 11:8 tell us about faith? **(By faith Abraham when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went.)**
7. How does faith overcome the world in 1 John 5:4? **(For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.)**
8. What can we learn from the centurion in Luke 7:7b? **(But say the Word, and my servant will be healed. God's Word is powerful and has authority)**



Let's apply this

9. Luke 7:7 – 8; But say the Word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man **under authority**, with soldiers under me. I tell this one; "go," and he goes, and that one, "come," and he comes. I say to my servant, "do this," and he does it.

- Do you have a time and place for daily bible reading?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to increase your faith through God's Word?
- Step out in faith this week to pray for someone to be healed.
- Step out in faith this week and share God's Word with a friend.

SUMMARY:

Discipleship Journey – Faith

Read: 1 John 5:3–5; Hebrews 11:1–8

The key to living a victorious Christian life is having complete trust in Jesus Christ. The more we know Him, the more we will trust Him. Our faith will grow as we read and obey His Word – see Romans 10:17.

1. Faith is needed for salvation

Faith, complete trust in Christ alone is needed for salvation – see Ephesians 2:8 – 9. **Definitions** of faith are; to trust, to rely upon, to believe or confident assurance.

Example: standing on a chair trusting that it will carry your weight.

To know whether the chair is strong enough to carry your weight you need to take the step of faith and stand on the chair to know if its strong enough. Faith is not only knowing about Jesus, but to trust and believe His promises in His Word.

2. Faith pleases God

The key to pleasing God is faith in His Word – see Hebrews 11:6.

In **Luke 8:43 – 48**, we read of a woman's faith and trust in Jesus's ability and power to heal her, her faith Jesus said has healed her.

In **Mark 10:46 – 52**; we read of blind Bartimaeus's faith and trust in Jesus to open his eyes to see, his faith Jesus said has healed him.

In **Matthew 14:25 – 31**; we read of Peter walking on water, but before Peter walked on water, he asked Jesus for a word, and this is a key to faith that pleases God. Jesus told Peter in **v.29**; "come." And Peter walked on the Word of Jesus; C-O-M-E and Peter was able to walk on water towards Jesus. A faith that pleases God is a faith and trust in the Word of God.

3. Faith obeys God

Abraham is called the father of faith. His faith in God always manifested itself in obedience to God's Word – see Hebrews 11:8. Faith obeys God, because God is faithful to His Word and He is a promise-keeping God.

4. Faith overcomes the world

The foundation of spiritual victory is absolute trust and faith in God – 1 John 5:4 – 5.

In **Luke 7:2 – 10**; we read of the centurion's faith. In **v.7**, the centurion asks Jesus just to say the Word, and his servant will be healed. The centurion understood that Jesus' Word is more powerful and of higher authority than his servant's illness. This is a powerful example of how faith and trust in God's Word overcomes the challenges of this world, because God's Word is more powerful. Faith is simply believing and trusting in God's Word and promises.