

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of November 8, 2020

MY STORY

Do you recall when you moved from believing things *about* Jesus to having faith *in* Jesus? What caused that change?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What does real faith look like?

Luke 8:40-48

Luke 23:39-43

James 2:14-18, 26

2. How do you react to people who reject Jesus outright?

Luke 9:51-56

2 Tim 2:24-26

3. How does true faith differ from the American consumer version of faith?

4 As you go through life are you seeing your faith grow or is it stagnant? If faith is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-9), how does it increase?

5. How is faith in Jesus' word a response to the truth rather than a leap in the dark? How would you explain this to a skeptic?

6. Kirk said that real faith requires humility. How can this be a barrier to some people?

7. Why is it important for others to see real faith in us?

TAKING IT HOME

Even Jesus was rejected and disbelieved by those closest to Him. He knows what it's like when we experience the same thing. Let Hebrews 4:14-16 encourage you to press on in Real Faith.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workers of the Month Please pray for Matt and Jonna, our Workers in Central Asia.

Another Firewood Day There will be one more day of cutting and delivering firewood to those who need it on Saturday, November 21st, starting at 9 am.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

Real Faith

John 4:43-54 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet November 8, 2020

When strangers believe but family doesn't

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. John 1:11

I No Faith

- Those closest to Him had no faith.
- Those with their own expectations had no faith.
- Those who welcomed Him had no faith.

II Religious Lifestyle Benefits Faith

- Desperate hope isn't the same as saving faith.
- Some are consumers not worshippers.
- The focus is "Your best life NOW".

III Real Faith Believes Jesus' Word

- It is an act of humility.
- It is a response to the truth, not a leap in the dark.
- It has a firm foundation

IV Real Faith Grows

- When we exercise it, it grows in us.
- When we share it, it grows in others.