

“Faith or Facts”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p>Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take prayer requests and pray for each other. <p>Getting To Know You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which came first in your conversion experience: faith or facts? (Did you have all of your questions answered before you believed; or did you believe knowing what you knew and then learned more later?) What role do you see Christian apologetics play in the lives of believers and unbelievers? 	<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Corinthians 15:1-26 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Luke 11, Jesus said that the only “sign” He would show the crowds was the “sign of Jonah” (i.e. the resurrection) Paul describes the facts associated with the resurrection in historical detail in 1 Cor 15. What are they? If this is true, then why doesn’t everyone simply believe? How does faith factor into the equation?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke 11:27-32 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In verse 27, a woman “blesses” Mary for her role in raising Jesus as her Son. How does Jesus respond to her in v. 28? <p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke 1:42; 45 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While Mary is “blessed” for being Jesus’ mother (what other woman in history was given this gift), <i>why else</i> does Elizabeth say Mary is “blessed”? (v.45) How does this go along with the point of this week’s passage? 	<p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there someone in your life who still isn’t convinced that Jesus is who He said He is, or did what Scripture claimed He did (i.e. rose from the dead)? What facts can you give them to help them understand? Since it takes faith to believe, how else might you approach this topic with them? How have others in the group helped someone come to their own realization of their need for Jesus? Since spiritual awakenings can only happen through the work of the Spirit, close by praying for those who you want to come to faith.