

WEEK 4: GIVE UP: BELIEVING

Give up believing that stops you from discovering the truth. Beginning with first-century followers of Jesus, trusting in Jesus has been a response to evidence—not simply in hoping something is true. In these times of chaos, in these times of panic, we tend to believe everything we see. How do we work past that bias and get to the truth? The gospel writer John referred to the miracles of Jesus as signs that give evidence of who Jesus was. The first sign John documents is when Jesus—with a nudge from his mother—attended a wedding and turned water into wine.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something you once believed without any evidence? Why did you believe it?
2. How would you describe the difference between faith and belief?
3. The apostle John describes coming to faith as a process that starts with seeing actual events that served as signs of who Jesus was. Today, we can only hear or read about those events. Should the fact that we are not eyewitnesses to Jesus' miracles affect the process of someone coming to faith? Why or why not?
4. Read John 2:2–11, where the apostle John recounts the story of Jesus turning water into wine.
 - How familiar is this story to you? Is there anything you just read that stands out as new information?
 - What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe that this actually happened?
 - In verse 9, how would you have reacted if you were "one of the servants" at the wedding and just witnessed what Jesus did?
 - In verse 10, consider the master of the banquet's statement. How might that be a foreshadowing of the coming shift from the sacrificial system to Jesus being the ultimate sacrifice?
5. What are some characteristics about Jesus that come to mind as a result of this story?
6. Does looking at this story as a "sign" instead of just a "miracle" change anything about your view of God? How might it shape how you approach the miracles of Jesus?

The reason people are so easily talked out of Christianity is because they were never talked into it."

- Dr. Frank Turek



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WORSHIP SERVICE

For the safety of our Windward Nazarene Ohana, we have decided to move service to an online platform. You can access our worship service weekly, which will go live at 9:00 am on Sunday on our website: **www.WindwardNazarene.com**. For assistance in viewing service, questions, concerns, or for assistance setting up online giving, feel free to contact Pomai via phone: **(808)798-1641** or via e-mail: **church@windwardnazarene.com**. On the other side of this sheet are some discussion questions you can answer after the message on your own with family throughout the week.

PRAYER REQUEST

Our commitment to love God and love others remains the same. Is there anything we can specifically pray for?

KUPUNA ASSISTANCE

We understand that these are scary times. With everything going on let us know how we can help you. We are launching a Kupuna Assistance Program. The ohana of saints is willing and ready. Groceries? Deliveries? Let us know.

OHANA KOKUA

If you would like to assist in our Kupuna Assistance Program, contact Pomai in our office.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV)