

FULL-LENGTH MIRROR

FOSTERING FAITH THAT DOESN'T FREAK OUT - JAMES 1:1-18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018

1. REVIEW

Hebrews 11 is often referred to as the "Hall of Faith" in scripture. If you have can, read through this chapter before Life Group. Can you identify any common characteristics in the faith of those identified in this chapter? _____

The definition of faith given in the sermon was "A Confident Assurance in a Credible Authority that leads to Calculated Action." Why does ACTION go hand in hand with faith? Can you give an example of how you have expressed faith by acting upon belief? _____

Hebrews 12:2 calls Jesus, the "author and finisher of our faith." What does this mean? Why does the Gospel change everything for those who put faith in Him? _____

2. ASSESS

4 TRUTHS ABOUT OUR FAITH WERE GIVEN:

- I CAN LEAD WITH JOY, WHEN I FEEL LIKE I'M LOSING MY LIFE.
- I CAN ASK FOR WISDOM, INSTEAD OF STRUGGLING FOR ANSWERS.
- I CAN DISCIPLINE MY DESIRES, INSTEAD OF BEING DRAWN INTO THEIR DECEPTION.
- I CAN REST IN THE GOODNESS OF MY FATHER, INSTEAD OF DWELLING ON MY LACK OF CONTROL.

1. Compare and contrast a weak or immature faith to a strong faith in the face of trials. Do you have any personal examples of how trials have impacted your faith?

2. Though we've been given the very wisdom of God in the full-length mirror of His Word, that is often the last place we go seeking answers. James calls this reality "double-mindedness." Can you speak to this struggle of double-mindedness in your own heart?

3. God does not cause people to sin (James 1:13-16). In light of 1 Cor. 10:13, what is promised to me as a Christian when it comes to temptation? How is this promise an opportunity for me to measure my faith?

3. APPLY

Which of the four truths that were shared is the hardest one for you to act on in faith? Why? _____

4. COMMIT

How will you commit, in faith, to put belief into action and be transformed by these truths? _____