



FAITH DEFINED

FAITH IS BELIEVING THAT SOMETHING IS TRUE AND COMMITTING YOUR LIFE TO IT.

This week we learned that faith matters to God. In fact, faith is the language that God speaks. If we desire to please God, then we must approach Him by faith; first faith in His Son Jesus, and then living out faith daily in our lives.

Faith is not centered on emotions or abstract man-made concepts of God. It is centered on God's word, and what God has declared about Himself. Living, active faith accesses the mighty power of God in our lives.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/b2r.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, have each person share the name of an unsaved family member or friend that needs Jesus. Spend a moment in prayer for that person.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **What is your favorite Bible story? How is faith a part of this story?**
- **Pastor Derek said that everything in our life boils down to faith in God. Why is that the case?**
- **The goal of this study is to live out faith every day in our life for God's glory and your joy. How does faith glorify God and bring you joy?**
- **How important is the Bible when it comes to the issue of faith?**

"SO THEN FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD."

ROMANS 10:17

Sometimes it's not that we can't have faith but we won't have faith. Is there a situation like that in your life right now?

- **Describe the situation and how you can choose faith.**

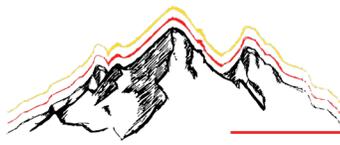
"WITHOUT FAITH IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD BECAUSE HE WHO COMES TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS AND THAT HE IS THE REWARDER OF THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM."

HEBREWS 11:6

God speaks the language of faith. In fact, Hebrews says that without faith it's impossible to please God.

- **Explain the promise of God in this Scripture, that God will reward those who diligently seek Him.**





"IF ANY OF YOU LACKS WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, WHO GIVES TO ALL LIBERALLY AND WITHOUT RETROACH, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM. BUT LET HIM ASK IN FAITH, WITH NO DOUBTING, FOR HE WHO DOUBTS IS LIKE A WAVE OF THE SEA DRIVEN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND. FOR LET NOT THAT MAN SUPPOSE THAT HE WILL RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM THE LORD; HE IS A DOUBLE-MINDED MAN, UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS."

JAMES 1:5-8

God does many things through faith in Him. Pastor Derek listed a few of those things: he saves, he heals, he moves, he gives wisdom, he demonstrates his power. In the example of wisdom, James 1:5-8 was quoted. There's a warning about doubt.

- Explain the warning presented by James.

"FAITH, MIGHTY FAITH, SEES THE PROMISE, AND LOOKS TO GOD ALONE; LAUGHS AT IMPOSSIBILITIES, AND CRIES IT SHALL BE DONE."

~ CHARLES WESLEY

Faith is a verb, meaning that its active and not passive. Is there an opportunity or a door God is calling you to walk through by faith?

- Spend time praying and asking God to give you the strength to walk by faith.



REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you apply what you've learned to reach someone in your life that doesn't know Jesus. God moves not only mountains, but more importantly He moves hearts.

Prayerfully choose at least one person, step out in FAITH and invite them to come to church.

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how taking steps of faith made a difference in your life and if you were able to bring an unsaved friend to church.

