

# A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

## DOCUSERIES

### Episode 1 | Hebrews 12:1-2



**True Bible faith is confident obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstances and consequences**

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.

How important is faith to the believer? You might think that's an odd question to ask because the answer seems so obvious, right? But truth be told, we need to be reminded even as Christians of how paramount faith, real living faith is. The Bible never presents faith as a one-time event. Neither does it reduce Christianity to a set of repetitive behaviors. Faith means relationship, and relationship is rooted in God's love. God's love is received through the cross of Christ, which is the starting point of our faith. Faith in this regard is so critical to the Christian that the author of the book of Hebrews said, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." In fact, the recipients of that epistle needed such a strong encouragement because they were drifting from their faith. They were under attack for being Christians, struggling with their own doubts and beginning to wander away from Jesus.

There is a healthy way to deal with doubt so that you are strengthened in your faith and not weakened.



#### WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at [cclasvegas.org/GROUPS](http://cclasvegas.org/GROUPS)



#### PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share what you desire to see God do the most this summer. Spend time in prayer asking God to deepen our faith in God.



#### 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.

**1. Have you ever experienced times where you couldn't be transparent about doubt to other believers? As a group, share how you have battled against doubt. Include Scriptures that you have leaned on during times of doubt.**

**“Alone is where we are picked off. There, all by our little self, our mind gets scrambled. Our soul turns cold and hard.”**

**- Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

**And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another.**

Hebrews 10:24-25

2. Pastor Derek talked about being honest about the “elephant” in the room, our flesh.

**So, in an effort to be honest, what are examples in our lives where our decisions tore us down spiritually instead of building us up? Share how God turned those decisions around in your life.**

**Lay aside concerning your former conduct, the old nature which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.**

Ephesians 4:22

3. Share examples of how we sometimes can put up lenses that obscure Jesus to others. How can we safeguard ourselves from complicating faith and Jesus?

**And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**

Luke 24:27



**REACH** (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, remember that there is a healthy way to deal with doubt. Pray how you can be a safe place for someone to share their struggles with doubt. Reach out and check on someone this week.

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear what God used you in your check-in.**

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