



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, April 4, 2011
Live By Faith: Faith Killers
Hebrews 12:1-3
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Last week we talked about what Faith is NOT.

Faith is NOT a force

Faith is NOT a formula

Faith is NOT pure confidence

Over this past week, where did you see yourself mixing up faith and one of the things it's not?

All of these things put the foundation of faith on things that are not stable. Mike said this morning, "The foundation of a firm faith is not your circumstances; it's the person of Jesus Christ." Faith is NOT based on our circumstances.

Talk as a group about times you put more faith into "how things are going" as opposed to "who Jesus is." Talk about the difference in the two.

As you share about some of these times, talk about how it would look different to life in faith in Christ and not the circumstance.

Talk as a group about times you could have easily put your faith in your circumstance but instead you stood strong in who Christ is.

Read Hebrews 12:1-3

Who are people that encourage your faith? Who are people in your life that you look at and appreciate their faith? How do they encourage you?

Mike talked this morning about various "hindrances to our faith". He specifically mentioned 3 things: fear, relationship, other people's problems. Of these 3, which (if any) hinder your faith?

What are other hindrances to your faith? If you can't think of any, let this week be a time to pay attention, to listen, to get to know yourself a little more and think about things that hinder your faith. Some other possible hindrances: self-confidence, independence, control.

Not only do things that are not sinful hinder our faith, but there are things that are clearly sinful that hinder our faith. What's the difference?

If the group has been together and feel comfortable, share sin with one another that you know entangle you. As someone shares sin, encourage one another in ways they can take one step closer to keeping faith in Jesus.

The Hebrews passage says that Jesus is "the author and Perfector of our faith." What does this mean? How does it encourage you to know that it's not up to you to perfect your faith?

Since Christ is the one that begins and perfects our faith, what is our role? What did Mike say this morning is our part in this?

The Hebrews author tells us when you are growing weary and losing heart, fix your eyes on Jesus. This week, practice "fixing your eyes on Jesus". Here are 3 ways you can do that this week. Which one(s) will you practice?

*Listen: Faith comes by hearing the Word of God-sit in the Scriptures daily!

*Fellowship: Get around people that are living out faith in Christ. Who is someone specifically that you can get around this week?

*Worship: Responding to the greatness and glory of God- Specifically bring your circumstances before God and let Him remind you that he is trustworthy even with the worst of circumstances.