

Small Group Notes - Week 1

Skeptic: The Gift of Doubt

You can't have faith without doubt. In fact, doubt is a prerequisite for faith. Faith is not about conclusive proof, but convincing evidence. Faith in God, specifically in Jesus is about the evidence. Can we take the witnesses at their word? Faith in God is the same, can we take him at his word? All relationships are about trust. The existence of trust, by definition, means there will be doubt.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- In his message this weekend, Chad shared we are all Thinkers or Feelers. Which are you and why? Do others in your small group agree with which one you associate yourself with?
- Open your group in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and insight.

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching. Was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WATCH THE VIDEO (3:46)

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Was there something from this past weekend's message that you never thought about before that has strengthened your faith or moved you toward a place of faith?
2. What did Chad mean by saying, "We are called to have a blind love, not a blind faith?"
3. What area of your faith in God do you struggle with doubt the most?
4. Read aloud 1 Corinthians 15:1-9 as a group.
 - This weekend, it was said if the resurrection didn't happen, we are all wasting our time. What do you think Chad meant by that? Do you agree?
 - What would you say to somebody who is questioning if the resurrection was real? How would you respond to someone who claims to be a Christian and views the resurrection of Jesus as a metaphor instead of a historical event?
 - This week, we listed many people from the Bible who were martyred for their testimony of what they witnessed. Have you ever felt danger or persecution for your beliefs?
 - What is one thing you can do to strengthen your faith in the midst of doubt?

PRAYER

Close your group in prayer. Take time to thank God for the resurrection and the power it represents. Ask God to encourage you to grow because of the doubts you have and for our doubts to lead us to deeper faith.