

Small Group Notes - Week 2

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. By definition, the existence of trust means there will be doubt.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- In his message this weekend, Chad stated that 51% is all you need when it comes to having faith. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- Open your group in **prayer**. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you faith to continuously trust in Him.

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 (4:29) <https://youtu.be/v1jp25mZnxw>

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are some of your doubts? Where are you seeing God work?
2. Chad stated, "keep moving in the same direction." In the midst of doubts, what are some ways you can keep moving in the same direction toward faith?
3. **Read aloud James 1:2-6, 12.** Have you struggled with guilt over the doubt you have had? Did Chad's message this weekend help alleviate this? Why or why not?
4. Talk about a time when you went through a difficult season. Were you able to grow in and through it? What do you now know that you wish you would have known then?
5. Chad stated, "this too shall pass." What are some strategies for standing through the test, knowing it will not last forever?
6. In Matthew 26:39 before Jesus was crucified He prayed, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Jesus

showed the ultimate perseverance by dying on the cross for our sins. How can we persevere and trust God through our problems and difficulties?

7. What are some specific ways you can help yourself or someone overcome doubt, even if you don't have all the answers?

PRAYER:

Close your group in prayer. Ask God to help you see what He sees in and about you. Let your Father know that you love Him and you believe He loves you. Ask God to help you take action and move in the direction of faith.