Lesson 17: Wednesday January 26, 2022

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Spiritual Disciplines- Faith

**What is faith?**

**Hebrews 11:1**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (\*Encourage your group to memorize this)

**1 . In this verse, we see both sides of what faith is. What stood out to you here and helpful to better understanding faith biblically?**

**2. Pastor drove home the point that our faith is not based on our feelings and it is not blind but it is grounded in who God is, how does this help you practically, in both your understanding of faith and your living it out?**

**Faith must include: Knowledge, Belief and Trust**

**Knowledge**: means you have to know about the object of your faith

**Belief:** means you have to believe what you now know

**Trust:** means you truly and fully surrender yourself to the one you now believe in

**3. Why are all three essential to our faith and what happens if one is missing?**

**Romans 14:23** says “For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.”

**4. Why is this statement so sobering and how does it help us see our need to do ALL THINGS in faith?**

 \* Maybe flesh out with your group why compartmentalized faith is failed faith. We either trust all our LIVES to Christ or we don’t and yet so often we are guilty of thinking about faith in Christ in a compartmentalized way. Talk about how we combat this and grow in it.

Read: **Ephesians 2:8, Philippians 1:29, 2 Peter 1:1**

**5. Where does our faith come from?** (\*It is a gift of God)

**6. Why is this important to understand rightly?** (\*If my faith was up to me it would always be in jeopardy) the fact that God is “the *Author and the Finisher of our Faith” is a great comfort and assurance to us and it is how he gets all the credit and we don’t think we bring something to the table that is due glory..*

**7. What is the key difference between superficial faith and living faith? (\*enduring fruit)**

**8. Pastor mentioned a number of things that our faith at work means to our life. Which of these were good for you to hear & why?**

A-Salvation, B- Devotion to God and Righteous Living, C- Boldness and Confidence, D- Perseverance to the End

Pastor recommended three practical areas to help us better practice the spiritual discipline of faith.

**- Feasting on God’s word**

**- Relying on Each Other**

**- Walking with God**

**9. Which of these do you need to put to work more diligently to help you better walk by faith and not by sight and what accountability is needed to help you do this?**

\*Please close in prayer and be done by 8pm. Please encourage your parents to pick up their kids “before” they fellowship in the quad.