

Spring Valley Church

Community Group Discipleship Material

Faith & the Promises of God

A group of people once asked Jesus how they could do the work of God. Jesus replied, *"The work of God is this; to believe in the One He has sent."* (John 6:29) God desires belief and faith from individuals, for *"without faith it is impossible to please God."* (Hebrews 11:6)

Often, in our modern society, faith is nothing more than wishful thinking – "I hope everything works out all right. I have faith that it will." The biblical concept of faith far surpasses this superficial approach and is a vital necessity for walking with Christ.



Walking by Faith

1. (Ephesians 2:8-9) How does faith relate to beginning the Christian life?

2. (2Corinthians 5:7) If you received Christ by faith, how then should you live?

3. According to each of these verses, how do you define faith?

(Acts 27:25) _____

(Romans 4:20-21) _____

(Hebrews 11:1) _____

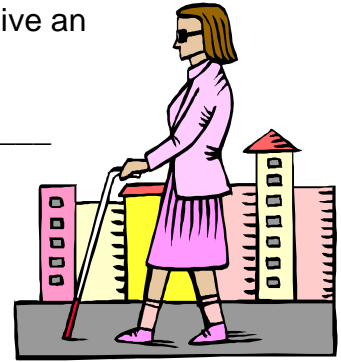
"Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in His Word is true, and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word." – George Muller

4. What does faith make possible? (Match the following.)

_____ Hope, Joy, Peace
_____ Answered Prayer
_____ Power over Satan
_____ Access to God

a. Matthew 21:22
b. Romans 15:13
c. Ephesians 3:12
d. Ephesians 6:16

5. State the principle of 2Corinthians 5:7 in your own words, and give an example of how you can apply it.



6. (Matthew 13:58) What sin can exclude you from seeing God work in your life?

Unbelief is disobedience and refusing to act in accordance with what God has declared.

Objects of Faith

7. What are some of the unworthy objects in which people may place their faith?

(Psalm 33:16-17) _____

(Psalm 146:3) _____

(Proverbs 28:26) _____

(Jeremiah 9:23) _____

Which of these are you most likely to depend on? _____

8. What do you feel is the inevitable result of placing faith in these objects?

9. (Mark 11:22) Who should be the object of your faith? _____

10. Can you describe the difference between faith and foolishness? _____
