

Small Group/Sermon Notes for Foundational Truths Part 2: Faith In God

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Foundational Truths: Set Up**
- This is a series about maturing in the faith.
- Our text: **Hebrews 5:11-6:3**
 - God expects us to be growing and maturing over time.
 - AND we are to have faith like a little child!
- **This Week: Faith In God**
- Faith is the catalyst that unlocks the power of God: **Matthew 17:18-20**
 - In your life, in the church, in the Kingdom of God!
- God's power is there whether you apprehend it or not.
 - Ex: forgiveness.
 - It is faith which allows you to tap into God's power. **Hebrews 4:2**
 - The Gospel is of NO VALUE without faith!
 - Whose word is most powerful in your life: yours, someone else's, or God's?
 - It is the one you believe. Put your faith in God!!
- Faith IN God vs faith in other things. I've seen Christians do each of these three.
 - Faith in faith.
 - This is when you feel guilty for not having enough faith so you grit your teeth and try to have more faith.
 - That isn't faith in God. It is faith in your faith.
 - Faith come by hearing. **Romans 10:17**
 - Faith in pretending.
 - This is when you say you have faith in God, but you ignore God and do it your own way. (Don't forgive, don't bear fruit, etc)
 - Basketball Coach with last play example.
 - This is just a mess. **Titus 1:16**
 - Faith in catastrophes.
 - This one is directly self destructive, but people don't always see it.
 - What "saves" you from the History test when you are a kid?
 - People get addicted to chaos and catastrophes. Not good.
 - They prefer and excuse for failure over success.
 - Instead of that, have faith to overcome! **John 16:33**
- Real Faith in God:
 - Real faith loves God. I mean that. Understand what that means.
 - To love God, get to know God! (More than knowing about God.)
 - Is fully convinced that God's ways are the best ways.
 - That God is good. That His commands are there to help you. That if we can just find God's ways we will find abundant life!
 - Knows what God has promised and what He hasn't.
 - Do you want to know what God has promised? Read your Bible!!!
 - Then believe (act on!) God's promises!
 - Is not shaken by circumstances.
 - Hey, reevaluate often. But I love **Daniel 3:14-18**
 - Knows that, when we stick with God, we are going to win in the end!
 - Be encouraged! It is a long road but good things are on the other side!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!