

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

March 3, 2019 sermon:

Hebrews: Jesus is Greater "My hope is built on..."

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

1.) We live in a world where "truth" has become so fuzzy and iffy that most of us have a difficult time simply taking someone at their word. We now need elaborate, iron-clad contracts before we accept that something will really happen "as promised". Do you have any significant trust issues? Do you know why you have them?

2.) God meets us in our doubts. We're all wired differently and some of us have a tendency to wrestle with doubt while others have little inner conflict. Which way do you tend to lean?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. God proved Himself faithful to Abraham, later to Moses and the children of Israel. Fast forward to our lives; a commitment to trust and follow Jesus is actually not a "blind leap of faith" as some may think. A similar example of a "crazy leap of blind faith" is Peter climbing out of the boat and walking on water towards Jesus (Matthew 14:22-33). To most of us this seems like a crazy thing to do. But was Peter's faith really as blind or crazy as it seems? After each group of verses below, identify how the insights and experiences Peter had with Jesus may have helped his "leap into the water" not seem so big or blind: [Luke 5:1-11](#) [Matthew 4:18-22](#) [Matthew 8:14-16](#)
[Matthew 9:10-12](#) [Matthew 14:13-21](#)

2. It can be difficult to understand how faith and doubt can co-exist. How does [Mark 9:14-24](#) help us understand that we can have both doubt and faith?

3. Our trust is in a God who has proven Himself to be trustworthy. His purposes and plans will prevail. This is foundational to navigating all that life throws at us. It builds a confidence that we can live boldly and securely following Jesus, doing all we can to help others do the same. How does [James 2:14-26](#) reinforce that this confidence is not just an idea to hold onto but also something to act on?

Application: (5-10 minutes) Is there anything small or large that God is calling you to take action on that you've neglected or need to pay better attention to? Spend some time sharing what God has been showing you about Him and about you these past weeks then close in prayer for each other.