

"THE POWER OF FAITH"

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Life Group Lesson Objective: Understanding the Power of Faith

Life Group Leader preparation

For the month of February, the emphasis will be on “Faith”. The God kind of Faith, Faith to receive the promises of God. The “nothing shall be impossible to you” faith. Faith to live our daily lives.

Romans 10:17 – “So then Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God”.

Mark 11:13 -14, 20-24 (KJV)

And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, no man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard it.

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

²³ For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Coaches: share a personal testimony of your faith.... 1) of what you believed God for; 2) the scripture(s) you used

Week #1: Canaanite Woman – Matt 15:21-28 (KJV)

Group Discussion Question: What changed Jesus’ mind about healing the woman’s daughter?

- She didn’t give up – Faith continues; Faith doesn’t give up. Faith won’t take NO for an answer.
 - 1 John 5:14–15. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ...

We can only walk by faith and not by sight when we know God’s will.

- Jesus answered her, O woman, great is thy faith be it unto you thee even as thou wilt...

Faith moves the heart of God.....

Week #2: Power in Scriptures for Healing

Group Discussion Question: Is there any sick among you?

James 5:14 – James’ prescription for God’s healing power to be released?

- Call for the elders of the church
- Pray over him
- Anointing with oil in the name of the Lord

James 5:15 – And the prayer of FAITH will save the sick

- And the Lord shall raise him up

What if there are no elders available?

- Jesus said in Mark 16:18 – they shall lay hands on the SICK and they shall recover
 - They = they that believe
 - They = those who walk by faith and not by sight

Can you/are you able to pray the prayer of faith?

- If you can’t or are not able to pray the prayer of faith
 - Begin listening to the Word of God on healing
 - Begin reading all scriptures on healing
 - STEP OUT IN FAITH....Believe God to work through you
 - You can even lay hands on yourself....pray the prayer of faith over you.

Let’s be honest – Discussion: Where is your faith...what will it take to build up your most holy faith?

Week #3 – Mixing Faith with the Promises of God.

Discussion Question #1: Do you understand how to mix faith with the Word?

For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them, but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Heb 4:2 (KJV)

Discussion Question #2: Why is living by faith important for our daily lives?

Hearing the Word of God and doing the Word of God.

- Matt 7:24-27...How you respond to the tests and trials of life will clue you into how you are mixing faith with God’s promises.
 - Hearing the word and doing the word go hand in hand – Wise man
 - Hearing the word and not doing the word – Foolish man
- II Tim 3:16...All Scripture is profitable, if mixed with faith
 - The promises of God are profitable, beneficial as we put our faith with the word.
 - Faith is the active ingredient in living in the promises of God.
 - When we read God’s word, mixing it with faith is taking it personally and acting upon the promises

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- (Mal 3:10 - Bringing the tithe into the storehouse...mixing it with faith is paying 10 percent of all your increase, ALL THE TIME)

***Let's be honest – Discussion: What must you do to increase your faith?
...Without faith it is impossible to please God...***

Week #4 – Pray Without Ceasing

Discussion Question #1: Is FAITH an active part of your prayer life? Describe it.

Faith is essential for an effective prayer life to Live in God's promises.

- Receiving during your prayer life – Mark 11:24
 - At the time **When** you Pray
 - Ask and you shall receive – Luke 11:9
 - Ps 91:15...he shall call upon me and I will answer him
 - I John 5:14 – confidence in your prayers
- Expect God to Answer YOUR prayer.
 - Develop confidence in YOUR ABILITY TO HAVE YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED.
 - I John 5:14, 15...and this is the confidence that we have in him that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. And **IF WE KNOW** that he hears us we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him.
 - Matt 8:13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, go thy way and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.

Let's be honest – Discussion: On a scale of 1-5; 5 being great faith...grade yourself and why?