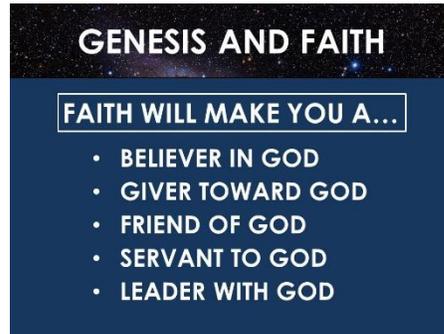


Genesis and Faith

October 20, 2019 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. What is the scariest roller coaster you've been on? Describe your experiences together.
2. How is the life of faith similar to riding a roller coaster?
3. Has God ever asked you to take a step of faith that was scary for you? What happened?
4. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). What in the sermon challenged you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
5. Read Genesis 12:1-4
 - a) What challenges do you think Abram (also known as Abraham) probably faced in obeying God's call?
 - b) How would you feel if God called you to step out in this way at age 75?
 - c) Which people on earth did God want to bless through Abram and his descendants?
 - d) Now read Hebrews 11:8-19. According to this passage, what were some of the ways that Abraham demonstrated faith?
 - e) What was he looking forward to?
6. Read Mark 6:1-6
 - a) Why weren't there many miracles done in Jesus' hometown?
 - b) Why did the people lack faith in him?
 - c) What does it mean that Jesus "could not do any miracles"? Since he was God in the flesh, why would their lack of faith hinder him? (see Luke 11:9-10 for a clue)
 - d) What was Jesus' response to their lack of faith?
 - e) How would you describe your own level of faith?
7. Read Mark 9:14-29
 - a) What stands out to you in this story?
 - b) What was Jesus' reaction to his disciples failure to help the boy?
 - c) What does Jesus say about the one who believes?
 - d) If we struggle with doubt, what should we do? (see v. 24).
 - e) If we feel spiritually weak and ineffective, what should we do? (see v. 29)
8. What are some areas in your life in which you have been struggling to trust God?
9. Share prayer requests and pray together. Pray for a greater faith to arise in each of you.