



FAILING FAITH

When what you thought you knew about God doesn't work in the real world.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Mark 10:17–31

Book Passage: Chapter 1 – Christian Karma

Topic: Comfort, Faith, Devotion

Big Idea of the Message: Goodness and salvation do not come from our own valiant efforts, but as a gift from God through Jesus Christ.

Application Point: Rather than placing our faith in wealth, success, or comfort, we must wholeheartedly embrace Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How have you been like the rich man in this passage? Have you ever viewed God as a tool to achieve your dreams?
3. Why do you think it's easy to believe that God wants his followers to prosper financially and/or physically?
4. Why is it easy to push others down in order to make you seem better off?
5. What keeps you from accepting God's grace?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 2

Text: 1 Kings 19:1–18

Book Passage: Chapter 3 – Blessed

Topic: Blessing, Sacrifice, God's Voice

Big Idea of the Message: In a moment of desperation God revealed himself through a gentle whisper to Elijah, assuring the prophet that though the Lord does not always operate in the realm of the spectacular, obedience to God's calling is never in vain.

Application Point: Though sometimes we are tempted to give up in the face of difficult circumstances, God has not left us alone.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever wanted to give up? What made you feel this way?
3. What do you do when God seems silent or far away?
4. How does this passage inform our understanding of what it means to be "blessed"?
5. How can you lean on others during difficult times?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 3

Text: John 20:24–31

Book Passage: Chapter 5 – The Realist

Topic: Doubt, Belief, Grace

Big Idea of the Message: When we have doubts about our faith, Jesus calls us to examine the evidence for Christianity's reliability.

Application Point: We can bring our doubts to God and our community of faith.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you ever gone through a period of spiritual doubt? Is there anyone here who is in that season now, and would feel comfortable sharing their experience?
3. How does Jesus respond to our doubts?
4. How can you keep from using doubt as an excuse from making a decision?
5. What can Christians do to work through their doubt? Any resources you would recommend?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 4

Text: John 11:1–37

Book Passage: Chapter 8 – The God Who Weeps

Topic: Grief, Pain, Suffering

Big Idea of the Message: Despite not having every answer during times of grief, we can be encouraged, knowing that when we hurt, Jesus hurts.

Application Point: We can trust God during difficult times because he sees and knows our pain.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why is this topic easier taught than lived out?
3. How can pondering God's perspective of time offer us comfort?
4. Have any of you gone through a time of pain or grief? What got you through?
5. How can knowing that our God is a God who weeps bring us comfort in the midst of pain?
6. How can I pray for you?