



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 2

February 18th & 19th, 2012

Ice Breaker:

Describe your first job and how old you were at the time you did it.

Opening Prayer:

Father God, thank you for creating us to know you, to love you and to serve you with our whole lives.

For Discussion:

Read Hebrews 11:1-3

Pastor Ryan described the tension we feel when we put our faith in what we can't fully understand or can't see with our physical eyes.

Is there something you can see in this physical world that helps you put your faith in the God you can't see?

Read Luke 18:15-17

- What are the good things about having a child-like faith?
- What are the potential dangers?
- Why do you think Jesus said that child-like faith is a necessity?

Read Luke 17:5-6

Most of us are familiar with the size of the poppy seeds we see on our multi-grain bagels. A mustard seed is 1/3 the size of a poppy seed.

Why do you think Jesus chose the mustard seed to talk about the power of our faith?

There are three common ways people lose their faith:

- Neglecting your relationship with God.
- Compromising your obedience to God's principles.
- Rejecting God and choosing to go your own way.

If possible, tell us about a time when you struggled in one of these areas and what you learned.

Read Luke 5:17-26

How was faith turned into action in this story?

How can you turn your faith into action this week?

Read Matthew 22:31-32

God knows us by name and wants to have a personal relationship with us that will last for eternity. But we have a choice to make. Will we put our faith in Jesus even if we still have some doubts? You can begin with these simple steps:

- ADMIT you need God's help.
- TURN toward God with your mustard seed of faith.
- TRUST in God's love for you.

On the 3x5 card, write which of these is your next right step toward recovering or building your faith.

Closing Prayer: Jesus, we admit that we need your help. Today we are turning toward you with the little bit of faith that we have. Help us grow to know you better.

