

NAMING & OWNING YOUR FAITH

PART 2

**FAITH IS BEST SERVED WHEN IT
IS IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS.
FAITH TEACHES US TO TRUST
GOD AND TRUST OTHERS**

**WE WE REFLECT ON WHO HAS
SHAPED US IN OUR FAITH, WE
CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT GOD
AND OURSELVES.**

How is faith and life enhanced by participating in a group?

Some say faith is a private matter. What does this mean?

What are the advantages of sharing faith as a group? As a church? As a global community?

“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:23-25

BEFORE WE START...

This Week's High:

This Week's Low:

This Week's Low:



THEREFORE, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of

witnesses

let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,

AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE

the race that is set before us looking to

the founder and Jesus, perfecter of our FAITH,

WHO FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM

ENDURED the cross despising the shame,

AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

HEBREWS 11:2-12:1

Relational Circles Activity

Who and what has influenced your faith? You might have some immediate answers come to mind - maybe your parents, your best friend, your DELVE Leader, or your pastor.

You may have to dig a bit deeper to think of everyone and everything that has impacted your faith and helped you grow.

Write down your faith influencers on sticky notes for the following categories!



JOURNAL & REFLECTION

Many people affect our faith each and every day. Sometimes, they are small moments and sometimes they are big moments but they are all important as we continue to learn and grow and our faith. Reflect upon and journal about the questions below.

- How many names were in your circles by the end of the activity?
- Were there any similarities between the notes/stories?
- Did any of the notes/stories surprise you? Why? Why not?
- Do you think you would be included in someone else's circles?
- Why is it important to recognize the people that have influenced our faith?

ASK SOMEONE IN YOUR OWN LIFE (A FRIEND, A PARENT, A COACH, ETC.) ABOUT WHO HAS AFFECTED THEIR FAITH. WHAT IS THEIR STORY? DID IS SURPRISE YOU?

Notes...

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PART 3

**WE LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN THE
WORDS WE USE, WHAT WE
WORSHIP, AND THE WORK WE
DO.**

**LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THESE
THREE CONCEPTS - WORDS,
WORSHIP, AND WORK.**

BEFORE WE START...

This Week's High:

This Week's Low:

My God Sightings

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



WORDS

What do these words mean?

Why are they important to our faith?

Why are they important to you?

Rewrite the Creed in your own words. Take your time and remember to include each 'section' - God as creator, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the church.

FAITH & LEADERSHIP

PART 1

**PEER MINISTRY IS A STYLE
OF LEADERSHIP THAT IS
FOCUSED CARING,
WELCOMING, AND
AFFIRMING EVERY
NEIGHBOR. WE, AS
CHRISTIANS, BELIEVE
THAT WE ARE ALL CALLED
TO A VOCATION OF
LOVING OTHERS.**

Comes Close

Willing to get to know people and see them for who they are

Unlikeley

Leads, cares, and welcomes, even if you feel inadequate

Sacrifice

willing to give of oneself

Seeks Help

Guides others to people who can help

PEER
MINISTRY

Observant

Alert to the needs of others

Takes Action

Uses skills and confidence, led by a compassionate heart

Crosses Barriers

Barriers

Gives help to others, no matter the differences

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION



Luke 10:25-37

- Why did Jesus tell this story? What do you think he hoped people would learn from it?
- How does this story give us a model for leadership?
- Who was the leader in this story? What did they do that was significant?
- Reference the peer ministry traits from the last page. How do you see those traits at play in this story?

How Does Jesus Lead?

Jesus leads
people by...

The type of people
Jesus hangs out with
are...

The kinds of things
Jesus is telling
people are...

Jesus seems
motivated by...

Jesus' patterns
of behavior are...

People seem to
be threatened
by Jesus
because...

Jesus gives
attention to
people who
are...

Jesus' purpose in
life was...

How Do I Lead?

The type of people I hang out with are...

I lead people by...

The kinds of things I tell people are...

I am motivated by...

My patterns of behavior are...

People seem to be threatened by me because...

I give attention to people who are...

My purpose in life is...

PEER MINISTRY TRAITS



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

- Which of these traits are easier for you to do? Which are more difficult?
- Which traits do you think are most important?
- How could you use each of these traits in your life?
- Who is your life models / lives out these traits well?

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