

THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Message Summary

In this week's message, Pastor John Carter continued to teach us how to walk by faith. Part of walking by faith is learning the power of believing, seeing and confessing. We have to learn how to believe for the things that God has promised us in His Word. We have to believe that God will do good things for us, that He will work things out in our favor, because He loves us. Once we believe, then we have to see it. Our belief should form a picture of what God will do. And our faith begins to actively look for God to manifest that picture. Faith believes that something you don't see is actually really there, and it works in natural things, as well. Your belief must be rooted in the power of God's Word to form the picture you see for your future. The Word of God must be in your heart for faith to work. If faith sees with the eyes of the heart, then the Word must be the lens through which your eyes of faith sees the picture of your faith. It should color your current reality like rose-colored glasses. When you walk by faith, you are walking in the supernatural, because your faith is actively working on your behalf to pull that which has not yet arrived (supernatural) into the now (natural). The product of your faith is really there, but you have to see it with your spiritual eyes to pull it into your present reality. As you wait for it come to pass, your confession (the words of your mouth) should align with your faith in that picture you believe God will manifest. And you thank Him like it already is done, because by faith, it is done!

Key Scriptures:

- [Hebrews 11:1 NKJV] 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- Read Mark 11:12-24 and the Story of Jesus and the Fig Tree

Discussion Questions:

1. Why should you root your faith in the Word of God?
2. How does the Word of God form the picture you see for your future?
3. How do you use your words to support your faith?
4. What are you really walking in faith for right now?

Life Application:

This week as you study the key scriptures, consider what Pastor John said, "People who walk by faith learn how to *not* walk by sight. When you are believing God, you have to start acting like what you prayed for and are believing for is coming!" God will meet you at the level of your faith. If it is impossible to please God without faith, you must actively be in faith to please God. That means you should be believing for God to do something great in your life! So, what are you really walking in faith for right now? It's time to be bold and to come to God believing for Him to move in specific ways – not general ways – specific, detailed, and powerful ways. Tell Him what you need and ask Him to move according to His Word! And then walk each day by faith, thanking Him for it now like it already belongs to you!