

Small Group Guide: "From Faith To The Fields"

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. Faith is belief plus action
2. Faith approaches Jesus with desperation
3. Faith anticipates Jesus' power with determination
4. Faith aligns with Jesus' purpose through devotion

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Erin defined faith as "belief plus action." How does this definition challenge or expand your understanding of faith?
2. In the sermon, we saw examples of people approaching Jesus with desperation (the ruler, the blind men). Can you share a time when you approached God with that level of desperation? What was the outcome?
3. The blind men called Jesus "Son of David," recognizing Him as the Messiah. How important is it to understand who Jesus truly is when we come to Him in faith?
4. The sermon mentioned that "how you worship God will determine who the God is that you worship." Discuss what this means and how it might apply to your own worship practices.
5. Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were "weary and scattered, like sheep without a shepherd." How can we develop this kind of compassion for those around us who don't know Christ?
6. The pastor challenged us to look outward instead of being "all about me." What are some practical ways we can shift our focus to others in our daily lives?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, identify one area where you need to move from just belief to action in your faith. Share with the group what step you plan to take.
2. Practice seeing people through Jesus' compassionate eyes. Each day, try to view one difficult person as a "sheep without a shepherd" and respond with kindness.
3. Reflect on your worship habits. Are there any changes you need to make to ensure your worship reflects the true nature of God?
4. Consider your workplace or neighborhood. How can you be a "light in the darkness" to those around you who may be weary or lost?

Closing Prayer: Close by praying the blessing from Numbers 6:24-26 over each other: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace."