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DARE TO BELIEVE

WHEN NORMAL ISN'T WORKING



Community Group Questions:

For this series, the Speakers are referencing verses from all throughout the Bible.

SPECIAL NOTE: When we talk about “belief” in this series, we’re not only talking about believing in God. Instead, we’re talking about the ability to believe in anything. Many people struggle to believe without evidence or experience or certainty.

- We hear frequently “people love Jesus, but not the church.” Do you believe that's true? Why or why not?
- What do you think makes it so compelling to believe in Jesus, even for people who are not religious?
- For you, is there a difference between the “Christ of faith” and the “Christ of history?” If so, what is the difference? If not, how are the two related for you?
- In early church history, the most dramatic church fights were related to different beliefs about the nature of Jesus. The orthodox belief is that he is “fully God **and** fully man.” Some heresies deny his divinity. Other heresies deny his humanity. Which part of his nature is most compelling for you personally? Which one presents more of a struggle for you to believe or explain? Why do you think that is tough for you?
- There is no real dispute about Jesus as an actual historical person. But people have different opinions about how to view his history. Which is most common for your friends who are not “Christ-followers?” And how do you address each one?
 - He was a good example for humankind...
 - He was a wise moral teacher...
 - He was a miracle worker...
 - He is “Messiah” (ruler of God’s Kingdom)?
- When you read the Bible, do the words of Jesus mean something different for you than other scriptures? If so, what do they mean for you?