



Discussion Guide

Messy Faith

As A Group...

1. Spend time praying for one another.
 2. Talk about each member's "one" friend or family member who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them by name and encourage and hold one another accountable to share the gospel or offer an invitation to the "one."
 3. Plan an activity that you can invite unchurched neighbors to so that you can get to know the people around your group.
 4. Encourage and hold each other accountable in the area of serving. Where is each member serving in the body of Christ and the kingdom?
1. Read Mark 9:14-29.
 2. Talk about a time in your life when you have faced a trial that you couldn't handle and, yet, you tried to handle it in your own strength. How did trying to handle it on your own work out? What did you learn about faith in yourself versus faith in an omnipotent and sovereign God?
 3. Why is it so hard to walk by faith and not by sight—especially when we walk through trials?
 4. When the boy's father comes to Jesus, he candidly expresses his struggle between faith and doubt. Have you ever been in this situation in your life? Share with the group your experience and how you wrestled with the tension between belief and wanting to believe.
 5. "Help my unbelief" is a cry for Jesus to develop faith in us that we cannot seem to find for ourselves. How have you experienced this work of God in your own life—to turn doubt into faith when you're facing trials you can't handle?
 6. Prayer is active dependence on the power of God. What is our typical prayer during seasons of trial? Is it for the trial to end? Or, is it for God to deepen our faith during the trial?
 7. Spend time as a group sharing any trials your group members may be facing. Then, pray for one another. Pray for faith to deepen and for your trial to be a witness to God's power and faithfulness to everyone in your life.