

## Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. How did you experience unbelief this last week?
2. **How do you fight against unbelief?**
3. How can you encourage someone this week struggling with unbelief?

### **Kryptonite: Finding God's Strength in Your Weakness**

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*"...The Holy Spirit warns us to listen to Him, to be careful to hear His voice today and not let our hearts become set against Him, as the people of Israel did. They steeled themselves against His love and complained against Him in the desert while He was testing them. But God was patient with them forty years, though they tried His patience sorely; He kept right on doing His mighty miracles for them to see. "But," God says, "I was very angry with them, for their hearts were always looking somewhere else instead of up to Me, and they never found the paths I wanted them to follow." Then God, full of this anger against them, bound Himself with an oath that He would never let them come to His place of rest. Beware then of your own hearts, dear brothers, lest you find that they, too, are evil and unbelieving and are leading you away from the living God." Hebrews 3:7-12 (TLB)*

THE SIN OF UNBELIEF: Looking to anyone or anything other than God to meet your deepest needs.

*"...their hearts were always looking somewhere else instead of up to Me..." Hebrews 3:10 (TLB)*

#### THE SYMPTOMS OF UNBELIEF

- Complaining

*"They steeled themselves against His love and complained against Him in the desert..." Hebrews 3:8 (TLB)*

- Ingratitude

*"But God was patient with them forty years, though they tried His patience sorely; He kept right on doing His mighty miracles for them to see." Hebrews 3:9 (TLB)*

- Disobedience

*"...they never found the paths I wanted them to follow."* Hebrews 3:10b (TLB)

## THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNBELIEF

- It keeps you from your destiny

*"...He swore with an oath that they could never go into the land He had promised His people..."*  
Hebrews 3:18 (TLB)

- It keeps you from experiencing the joy of trusting God

*"And why couldn't they go in? Because they didn't trust Him."* Hebrews 3:19 (TLB)

*"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*  
John 3:14-16 (NIV)

## THE ANTIDOTE TO UNBELIEF: LOOK TO JESUS TO MEET YOUR DEEPEST NEEDS

*"Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea<sup>[d]</sup> to go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient with the long journey..."* Numbers 21:4 (NLT)

*"...and they began to speak against God and Moses. "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?" they complained. "There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!"* Numbers 21:5 (NLT)

*"So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died."*  
Numbers 21:6 (NLT)

*"Then the people came to Moses and cried out, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take away the snakes." So Moses prayed for the people."* Numbers 21:7 (NLT)

*"Then the Lord told him, "Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!" So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached*

*it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!” Numbers 21:8-9 (NLT)*

*“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.’” Galatians 3:13 (NASB)*

*“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)*

*“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)*

*“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’” Mark 9:24 (NKJV)*