



myth...Faith Fixes Everything
Hebrews 11:29-40

~Life Group Questions~

1. What principles or insights from Sunday's sermon did you find to be...
 - a. most helpful
 - b. most challenging
 - c. most troubling
 - d. Why?

2. The purpose of our current sermon series is to unveil certain spiritual myths. A spiritual myth is much like a secular myth. It is a belief, story, or assumption that gets passed around as fact. Discuss the following assertion concerning spiritual myths. Do you feel it is over or under stated?

However, a spiritual myth is not simply a harmless misunderstanding, it is a dangerous error that will eventually bring heartache and disillusionment to all who trust in them. ¹

3. Before hearing Sunday morning's sermon, how would you have responded to the statement, "faith can fix anything?" Would you have agreed or disagreed? Why?

4. Pastor Kurt shared the story of Bill and Marcy's battle with cancer and their absolute faith that God would heal Marcy, yet Marcy, in the end, passed away. Have you ever been in a situation like Bill and Marcy's where you felt you had absolute faith that God was going to step in and fix a situation, only to have him do something different?

- a. If so, how did that impact your walk with God and your ideas about faith?
- b. If not, have you seen someone else impacted by misplaced faith? How did it impact their walk with God?

¹ This statement, as well as the concept for this sermon series, has been adapted from Larry Osborne's book 10 Dumb Things Smart Christians Believe.

5. We learned that the English language tends to treat faith, belief, and trust as three completely different concepts, while the original Greek of the New Testament makes no such distinction. Discuss the different ways most people you know would define the following:

- a. Faith
- b. Belief
- c. Trust

6. Read the story of Peter's release from prison found in Acts 12:1-19.

a. In the space below record every element of surprise or doubt you can find in the story.

b. Now record everything that shows faithful obedience despite any doubt.

7. Read Hebrews 11:29-40. How often (if ever) have you heard a sermon or bible study that focused on the last verses of this passage (verses 35-40)?

- a. Why do you think this is so?
- b. How did these verses strike you when you first read them?
- c. Discuss what these verses add to the idea that sometimes faith doesn't fix our earthly circumstances but rather makes them worse.
- d. Are you ready to take a step of faith that might lead in the direction described in these verses?