

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. Faith is trusting God enough to do what he says - even when I don't understand. It doesn't mean all my questions are answered - it just means that I trust him enough to take a step even when they're not.

Armed with that definition of faith, how can you apply the following verses to your life?

SCRIPTURE:	CHARACTER TRAIT REVEALED:
Hebrews 11:1-3	
Hebrews 11:6	
Hebrews 12:1-3	
Hebrews 10:19-25	

2. Jeremiah mentioned some practical steps to move forward in your faith. Which of these resonates with you the most and why?

- Ask God to reveal himself to you.**
- Put yourself in faith environments.**
- Sincerely ask your questions.**
- Consider the options**

3. What did you personally need to hear the most from this message?

MESSAGE NOTES

Asking For A Friend // Week 4

MEMORY VERSE:

*And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. **Hebrews 11:6***

Common myths about faith:

1. Faith = blind belief and _____.

2. Doubt is the _____ of faith.

The truth about faith and doubt:

1. Faith is a term of _____, not measurement.

2. Doubt is an important _____ in the faith process.

*One of the twelve disciples, Thomas, (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." **John 20:24-25***

Practical ways to more forward:

1. Ask God to _____ himself to you.

*"If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord. **Jeremiah 29:13-14***

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." **Matthew 7:7***

2. Put yourself in _____ environments.

*As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. **Proverbs 27:17***



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3. Sincerely _____ your questions.

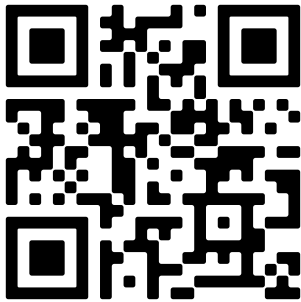
"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We haven't any idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" **John 14:5**

4. Consider the _____.

Because of this, many of Jesus' followers turned back and would not go with him anymore. So he asked the twelve disciples, "And you - would you also like to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life." **John 6:66-68**

5. Take a _____!

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"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." *James 1:22*



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We encourage you to take these questions home with you and **WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS**. Bring it with you to Home Church as you discuss how this applies to your life!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Viewing faith as CERTAINTY often leads us to look for evidence to support what we already believe and criticize others in the process. How have you seen that definition of faith play itself out in the modern day church? Have you ever felt the need to try to CONVINCED yourself that something was true because you felt that was the right thing to do?

2. As you reflect on this weekend's talk, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read this verse together:

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the lamb of God! He takes away the sins of the world!" **John 1:29**

Not long after that, John is thrown in prison and **Luke 7:18-28**, we read the story of an interaction with Jesus in which John begins to doubt his previous statement. After you read the story, answer these questions:

- What do you think caused John the Baptist to doubt his original proclamation?

- What does Jesus' response teach us about who God is?

- What application can we make in our own lives today?