

mission

: RESTORE THE CITY

Ice Breaker

When was the last time you had to truly exercise your faith?

Read: Hebrews 11:1-6, Matthew 8:23-27

Discussion Questions:

Matthew 8:23-27

- Here's what Matthew does NOT teach us about faith:
 - Put your faith in Jesus and he will calm all the storms in your life
 - Put your faith in Jesus and you will be spared from danger
 - Put your faith in Jesus and life will get easier
- Why do you think it's important to clarify what faith doesn't promise?

Hebrews 1:1-6

- "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." How does this definition of faith challenge or encourage you?
- How often do you trust God without seeing the outcome?
- What are some ways you've seen God reward faith—not necessarily with ease, but with growth or peace?

Matthew 8:23-27

- Here's what Matthew teaches us about Jesus:
 - Jesus is UNTHREATENED by storms (and demons, people, systems etc.)
 - Jesus has AUTHORITY over storms (and demons, people, systems etc.)
 - Jesus is WITH US and FOR US through storms (that involve demons, people, systems, etc.)
 - Which of these aspects of Jesus — His calm, His authority, or His presence—speaks most to you right now?

Take inventory of your faith

- Where in your life really had to exercise faith? Are you willing to invite some tests and trials if it brings about a deep faith and deep love for Jesus?
- What will you apply in your life based on what you learned this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

Icebreakers, Groups Support, FAQ

