

CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

for the sermon on Sunday, May 14, 2017

Building Faith Through Relationship by TJ Hall

1. Answer the following questions on faith:
 - What has been the best part of your faith journey?
 - In your own words, how would you describe faith?
 - How would you describe the connection between relationship and faith?

2. Read Hebrews 11:6. On Sunday, Pastor TJ taught that the phrase “impossible to please Him” doesn’t mean that you won’t make it to heaven. Why do so many people think they will not go to heaven unless they please God?

3. Hebrews 12:2 tells us to look to Jesus. “Looking” in Greek means to turn our eyes and fix them on something—metaphorically: to behold in the mind, to fix the mind upon. In your opinion, what are the things that distract Christians from fixing their minds on Christ?

4. Answer the following questions about the five relationship-based ways to build our faith:
 1. Prayer
 2. Meditating on the Word of God
 3. Praise
 4. Obedience
 5. Testimony
 - Which one stands out to you the most right now? Why?
 - In your opinion, which one is the hardest to live out?
 - You can’t build a relationship with someone without talking to them. Why is difficult for many Christians to have a consistent prayer time and to talk to the Lord throughout the day?
 - What are the benefits of meditating on the Word verses simply reading it?
 - Praise is a much deeper level of gratitude that focuses on who God is. A lifestyle of praise releases faith. Have you experienced this before? If so, what is it like?
 - The Lord awaits our obedience and submission to His will, despite what we see in our circumstances with our natural eyes. What makes this so difficult at times and how can we stay obedient to the Lord in all things?
 - We tell people about our relationships. It’s what we do. Our relationship with God is no exception. What are some ways that we can testify about the goodness of God?

5. Read Psalms 34:17-19. How do these verses help you with your relationship with God and help you build your faith?

6. What is a favorite verse or passage of the Bible that helps you with your faith and relationship with God?