

Welcome TO Wonderland

PART 3: FAITH

INTRODUCTION

We all wonder. When we fix our eyes somewhere other than on God, *wonder* leads to *wander*. If you've wandered from the faith or are looking for the door, it's not because of Jesus. It's probably because you've fixed your eyes on people, institutions, or a religion based on following rules. You may think Christianity requires mind-numbing, experience-denying faith, but what if that's not true?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you define the word *faith*?
2. Read Hebrews 11:1-2. How does the faith described in these verses differ from your definition? How is it similar?
3. Have you ever treated faith as a magical force you tap into or a formula you figure out? If so, what happened?
4. During the message, Matt said, "God has provided us with enough evidence to believe while our minds catch up with the wonder of his complex and majestically orchestrated world." How effectively does that address your areas of wonder? Is that a satisfying way to think about your doubt, or do you find it challenging? Why?
5. Read John 1:4-5. Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus' light can overcome the darkness in the world around you? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to fix your eyes on Jesus, and find his light in the darkness? How can this group support and encourage you?

MOVING FORWARD

If you wondered, then wandered, here's something to ponder: there will always be things about faith that make you wonder, but God's love for you shouldn't be one of them. Two thousand years ago, light broke through the darkness in the town of Bethlehem. God communicated in no uncertain terms that he loves you.

So, take your eyes off of the people, institutions, or legalism that caused you to lose faith and fix your eyes on Jesus. Fix your eyes on the wonder of his love.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1