

LIVING BY FAITH

Week 9 – March 9-15



New Hope | Small Groups



SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:

SAFE GROUP: everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

NO "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

NO FIXING: We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

NO RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally effecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

USE "I" STATEMENTS: It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

CONFLICT: When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

Small Group Evening Schedule:

10min - Hangout time

10min - Welcome, Opening Prayer, Group Guidelines, Announcements

10min - Follow-up discussion about Sunday's Sermon

- What is one thing you learned? What challenged you?

40min - **Storying through scripture:**

This past Sunday Pastor Tim taught on three kinds of faith through the life of Moses. We all have to grow through all three on our journey to deeper faith in God. For some it's a quick process and others it's a lifetime journey. As we dig deeper into these three types today, start thinking about your own life and where your faith is today.

1. Self-Sufficient Faith

- **SCRIPTURE: Read Luke 12:13-21**

How would you describe someone who is trusting in themselves, their money, resources, abilities, etc...?

What was Jesus challenge to the crowd who heard this parable?

2. Tested Faith

- **SCRIPTURE: Read James 1:2-12**

In what ways has your faith been tested? Are you in a season of testing right now? Share.

According to the passage, what do you get when you persevere in faith?

3. Obedient Faith

- **SCRIPTURE: Read Exodus 33:12-23**

Obedient faith is all about having a close and personal relationship with God. Just like Moses, God knows your name. He has shown us His Glory through His Son Jesus.

What does it look like for you to walk in that kind of love and obedience for God? Are you living that way now?

Out of these three types of faith, where would you put yourself? What are you doing in the season you're in to continue to grow?

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

(one person write requests and email or text to the rest of the group)
