

Goal: This week's small group will show us the necessity of having confidence in God and obeying His Word with regard to how we exercise our faith.

Conversation Starter: People tend to like to have control of their surroundings and to be able to piece together the way that things are going to work in their own strength. Do you know anyone in your life who likes to have this kind of control? What kinds of things do you like to control in your own life?

Review: Ask Life Group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

Discussion

Dry Bones Come Alive

Review: Ezekiel 7:1-14

- When Elisha saw the valley of dry bones, it didn't look like anything good could come out of it. What are some dry areas in your life?
- What did God have Elisha do and why? What can we do to see life come into the dry areas of our lives?
- What did God require from Elijah in order to see the dry bones come back to life? How important is obedience to the word of God today? How can we use our words to be obedient to God?

Faith Must be Released Through Words

Read: Matthew 17:14-20

- When Jesus talked about having faith to move a mountain, he showed us that we have the authority *and* responsibility to use our own words to see mountains moved in our life!
- Taking this scripture into account, what does our reaction to a trial say about us and our faith? What can we do to grow our faith so we have a Godly response?
- David didn't just respond to the negative words or situations around Him, he went on the offense! How did David's confidence in the Lord affect his ability to prophesy victory over Goliath? How was that confidence released?

Make it Personal

- Pastor Nathan said, "Everything begins with a heart of understanding." How would you describe what is in your heart? Does it fully understand the promises of God? What areas can you grow in?
- If we want to have hearts full of faith, what should we be taking into our spirit? What should we avoid? Are there any areas of your life that you think you could improve by changing what you put into your heart?

- David was confident in the Lord. When we are confident in God, we understand that nothing can separate me from his love or void my position as His child. How does this affect the way you view yourself and the authority God has given you?

Act on it

God has given all authority to us! That means that not only are we children of God, but we have the power to act like it. This week, dedicate some time to meditating on the word of God and allowing it to get into your heart. Look for opportunities to use that confidence to speak against a negative word or situation and declare victory for yourself in Jesus's name!

Prayer, prayer requests, and testimonies

Ask Life Group members to share any prayer requests or testimonies they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

God's love is continually operating in my life, and therefore, nothing can separate me from the love of God. Nothing can separate me from being a child of God and walking in what he has called me to walk in. CONFIDENCE in God. He wants you to forget every miracle

Portrait of different warriors... the scared, the confident. The difference in what they understand about their God

