



MORE *and* BETTER

Will You Follow Him?

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As we continue to journey through the foundations of our faith, we want to pay special attention to what “faith in God” means. It can seem easy, basic or like a first step. But true faith is more than just a belief -- even the devil and demons believe in God! True faith is an active trust that has radical, profound, gospel-centered expressions in our lives. That active trust comes not just from understanding who God is, what He has done for us and what He is doing for us - but from recognizing who we are in Him. Placing our identity in Him and not in ourselves, trusting Him. Having deep, radical, life-changing faith.

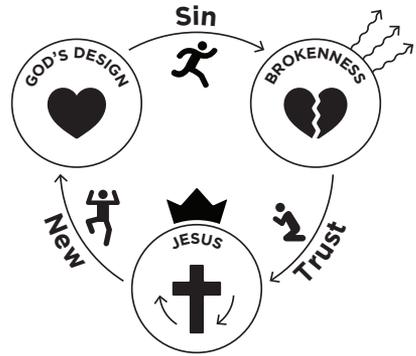


MESSAGE NOTES

Faith in God is more than a belief – it is actively trusting God with your entire life.

Mark 10:17-22: Rich Young Ruler

v. 21 – Jesus invites the “rich young ruler” to release everything that creates a false sense of security and follow Him. It’s an invitation into incredible trust, generosity and submission.



Note that this man is not a new believer, but one with a long relationship with God. Jesus invites us into these things not just at one moment, but continually and more deeply the longer we walk with Him.

Jesus' invitation:

- Stop placing our security in what we build up and achieve for ourselves.
- Stop holding onto the things that we have instead of being stewards God's resources.
- Pursue Jesus fully and completely, letting go of anything preventing total surrender.

Luke 19:1-10: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

v. 8 – Zacchaeus abandons everything to follow Jesus, responding with complete willingness and radical generosity.

Having faith in God requires a right understanding of who God is, and who we are.

Sinner in need of God's grace

- Thankfulness
- Generosity
- Ongoing reconciliation

Good person whom God needs

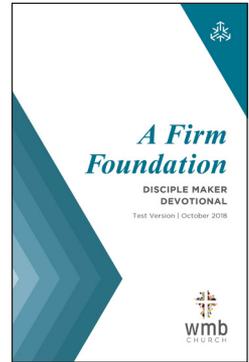
- Self-righteousness
- Pride and self-reliance
- Ultimately, no need for God in your life

HOME GROUP MATERIALS

Our hope for this series is for everyone in Home Groups to walk through our new devotional, *A Firm Foundation*.

Why all of us? We do discipleship best as **we learn from each other**. To start the journey, it can be easier if we are familiar with the tools. By using *A Firm Foundation* in Home Group, we will gain that familiarity.

Note that this is a **test copy**. Not only do we assume there are some typos, we want to know how the book works. When you sign up to receive one, you will receive a feedback form in coming weeks.



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Calling one another to deeper faith is a risk.

Risk is a jarring concept – it is often met with trepidation. Yet in the Bible, story after story about Jesus involves an element of **risk** and **trust**. As you move through your conversations in *A Firm Foundation*, pay attention to where **risk** and **trust** come up. What are the risks that your group members have taken – from doing the devotional, to taking on leadership, to opening their homes to strangers? It can be anything.

What does it look like to trust God? As you process the material from the devotional, what particular concepts or questions have required additional trust? Where is it more important to know His character and who you are in Him than it is to have a “right” answer?

Risk and **trust** both require us to not only understand who God is, but who we are in Him. Along with your conversations, what are people learning about their own relationship with God? How is this journey allowing all of us to relate to Him better? As group members share their own understanding of their relationship with God, we each get a bigger window into who our wonderful Lord is.



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