



# What Do You Believe About God?

Week of September 23, 2018

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

## Message Recap:

### Read Matthew 17:14-20

Jesus told his disciples that they had no faith, and that is why they couldn't help the boy who needed healing. But, Jesus doesn't stop there. He tells them what they *can* do if only they would *believe*. He literally says that with faith the size of a mustard seed, "nothing would be impossible." But this message wasn't just for the disciples. We live in a time where collectively, Christians seem to have some of the smallest faith they've had in centuries. Perhaps the reason why we seem to find so many mountains in our paths is because we simply don't believe big enough, if at all. So, that begs the question; why *do* we have such little faith?

## Pray

Lord, when it comes to believing big, it's something that we as humans naturally have always struggled with. It goes against our nature to put our trust in what we can't see, and it takes tremendous courage to step out of our comfort zones. God, we pray that you would inspire us to a bigger faith and a better way of living. Help us to not let our flesh hold us back, but instead inspire us to find new ways to break the boundaries we impose on ourselves so that your Kingdom may be glorified through our faith.

## Getting Started

- What did you want to be/do when you grew up? What were your dreams?
- Besides God/Jesus, what is one thing in your life that you've always believed in?

## Digging Deeper

1. During the service we wrote down the biggest mountains in our paths right now. Can you share those with the group?
2. With that in mind, think for a minute about what you truly believe about who God is, and then share with the group. Be honest—who is God to you? What do you think he can and can't do?
3. Next, think for a minute about what you believe about yourself. Share about how you see yourself, no lenses or filters. Be vulnerable!
4. Now, in a slightly different (yet still honest) vein, what do you think that other people believe about you? Do you think those things are true?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9, John 10:8-10, & Psalm 84:11. God wants us to prosper. What do you think these verses really mean, and where does "believing big" fit in?
6. How thankful (to God) do you think you are as a whole? Can you share some things that you are thankful for right now in your life?
7. In light of the message this week, commit to your small group where you will start believing big in your life.

## Living Jesus

1 John 4:16-18 says that God is love *and* that he loves us. It also says that we don't have to live in fear because we live like Jesus. So, we can live in love and without fear if only we believe that God loves us, and we believe big as Jesus believed. Jesus himself said it; we can move mountains if only we believed enough. Jesus never literally moved mountains, but he did do some pretty amazing things, and we can too! After all, he did say that we were meant to do even more than he did! So, what are you going to do about it?

## What's Your Story?

So, how are you going to take steps in the coming weeks to grow your faith just a little bit bigger? How are you going to believe bigger from here on out? We'd like you to share that story to encourage others to believe big too!

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