

Small Group Studies



'Bringing God and people together'

Title: Seed Faith

(Notes from a sermon preached by Pastor Peter Starr on 25-3-07)

The Bible says that *"without faith it is impossible to please God."*

Q. On a scale of one to ten how would you rate your personal level of faith?

A strong faith = a strong life.

Everything looks different for people who have a strong faith.

People with a strong faith are moving, they are growing; they have a momentum in life.

Q. Is there a person who you would consider to have a really strong faith and why?

Jesus praised a strong faith within people.

God wants you to have a strong faith.

There is a reason that some people have a strong faith.

People who doubt should expect nothing from God (see James 1:7)

God loves us and wants us to have abundant life. (See John 10:10).

Q. What do you think people can do to get a stronger faith?

Lk.17:5 *"And the Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith.". So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea," and it would obey you.*

To sum up the above verse, the disciples want more faith and they don't get it!

Instead they are told of the benefits of using the little they have.

The thing that God wants to teach us is that if you have a little bit of faith, even if it seems to be an inadequate amount, you can use it and see what God does.

This is what happened when a crowd of 5,000 men needed a meal. Christ worked with an inadequate amount "a seed" and it proved to be enough.

Q Have you ever done something outside of your personal comfort level and seen God come through with a miracle?

Read Luke 1-4. When the disciples asked Jesus for an increase of faith it was after Christ had told them that they would need to forgive a person who had wronged them many times in one day.

Faith would be a lot easier without people.

Being wronged in life may really test our faith.

Everyone gets tested in different areas.

You can be sure that leaders or long term Christians have had their faith tested
God tests people's faith. (See 1 Peter 1:6-7).

Q Have you ever had your faith tested. What happened?

Phil. 2:12 tells us to work out our salvation.

Have you ever given your faith a work out?

What happens if I don't exercise my physical body?

Does God want us to hear Bible stories or does He want us to put what we hear into practice?

(See 1 John 3:10)

Faith is a muscle.

Exercise is really difficult to begin with.

Q What kind of exercise and diet do you have to possess to have a strong faith?