

FAITH

NOTES

I. What Is It?

A. Definition Read Heb 11:1

Charles Spurgeon gives the following commentary :

Now faith (That is ...

Is the substance of things hoped for (It gets a ...

the evidence of things not seen (The sight of ...

B. More Than Intellectual Assent Read James 2:14-22

Questions-

1. What is true Faith?

-definition - **True Faith is ...**

2. True Faith is accompanied by action.

-Complete the following thoughts:

If I have faith in a bank, I will ...

If I have faith in the weather report (calling for tornado warnings), I will...

If I have faith in the craftsmanship of a chair, I will...

If I have Faith in God, I will...

II. Why Is It Important?

A. In Salvation

Read Rom 5:1-2 Eph 2:8-9

B. In Our Daily Walk With God

Read 2 Cor 5:7 Heb 11:6

Questions-

1. What role does Faith play in salvation?

2. What does it mean to "live by faith," as opposed to living "by sight?"

C. The Power of Faith

1. The results of a Lack of Faith:

Read Matt 13:54-58

Matt 17:14-20

Questions-

1. What was the reason for the lack of faith in Jesus' hometown?
2. Do you see the potential for the same problem here? Explain.

2. The results of Strong Faith:

Read Matt 9:22 Matt 8:5-10

3. Jesus' promises for us:

Read John 14:12 Matt 21:21

Questions-

1. What kind of things was Jesus talking about in John 14:12?
2. In Matthew 21, Jesus gives a promise that some have claimed to be "unrealistic." Have you experienced faith this powerful? Do you believe it is possible?

III. How Do I Get It?

Read Rom 10:17

A. Reading - - The ...

B. Remembering - - What ...

C. Pray - - for help from God (Mark 9:21-24)

Questions-

1. According to Romans 10:17, what is the primary source of building faith?
2. Remembering our definition of true faith, why do you think the Bible helps build faith in you?
3. In the Old Testament, men would build altars (memorials) when they had significant encounters with God. How could this apply to us?
4. Understanding the importance of true Faith, what practical things can you do to ensure your faith isn't dead?