



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WEEK 2

#### Faith

#### ICEBREAKER:

Where do you like to go when you eat out?

#### BIG IDEA:

Today's big idea: Real faith isn't simply belief, it's about faithfulness and fidelity to Jesus and His Kingdom!

#### DAILY BIBLE READING (Optional):

If you'd like our daily bible reading, sign up through our connect card at [findcommunity.com/nextsteps](http://findcommunity.com/nextsteps).

> Mark 1:15; Hebrews 11:1-6; Ephesians 2:10; Proverbs 3:5-6; James 2:17-18

> Was there a particular passage that stood out to you?

**SCRIPTURE:** Mark 1:15

#### DISCUSSION:

1. Was there anything from Pastor Rob's message that stuck out to you? Was there a principle, thought or idea that challenged or encouraged you?
2. How have you heard your friends and family define faith? How do you describe faith to others?
3. Have someone from your group read Mark 1:14-20. How do you think people who heard Jesus' words in verse 15 processed what they heard? How did the disciples respond to Jesus?
4. How is allegiance to Jesus different from earthly allegiances that might be built on guilt or fear?
5. If you were explaining "faithfulness/ fidelity/ allegiance" to a friend, what kind of examples might you use to show what true faith really means?
6. Are there areas of your life where you want to shift your loyalty to Jesus from "Is this all I have to do?" to "What else can I do?"

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

1. How has your faith felt "Boxed In" at times? What has happened in the past to help you break out of the box?
2. What kinds of "pockets of resistance" do you encounter in your heart that keep you from deeper faithfulness?
3. What is one area of your life currently that you do not allow Jesus Christ to rule and reign in? What needs to be true in your life in order for this to change?

#### Take Time:

Spend some time praying for each person in your group; pray for areas or pockets of resistance your group might have as it relates to us being "faithful to." We want to be a community that is passionate about a growing faith. How can you encourage one another this week to stay active, to continue to press forward, to make the hard but necessary choices to remain faithful this week? Maybe you have one group member you will pray for every single day, or send an encouraging text to each other 3 times this week. Help spur one another forward!



Daily Devotion



Prayer



Freedom from Strongholds



Serve the Community



Sacrificial Generosity



Share Your Story



Celebration