



Living with Crazy Faith (Stop Allowing the Skunks to Sour Your Spirit)

Week of February 19, 2017

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 Genesis 26:1-16

Why wallow in what has been? We often misinterpret our times of famine (testing times) as meaning that God is not working in our lives. In reality, God wants to use you where you are and the with the people who you are with. He has attached a promise with our problem, that he will always be with us even if we do not understand at times. The people in our lives also are important to God. You cannot move up until you move out those who no longer belong in your life. How do we know who God wants to be in our life? The test is whether they are helping you move closer to God or moving you toward something else. Your reward is not tied to those who pour dirt in your wells but lies in digging a new well. It takes crazy faith to recognize that regardless of your uncomfortable circumstances, God has given you an assignment that will help you grow closer to him and he will be with you every step of the way. Start living with crazy faith!

Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us. Thank you for your promises and for being a God who always keeps his promises. We pray that you would be with us now as we seek to reveal how you are working in our lives and what our current assignments are. Finally, we pray that we could have the crazy faith necessary to obey your will and follow through on those assignments.

Digging Deeper

Getting Started

- Who do you know who has “Crazy Faith”?
- When have you been “tested” by God in your life?

Digging Deeper

1. Explain what reminds you that God is with you when you encounter testing times.
2. When we discussed God's promises during testing times this Sunday, what did that make you think about?
3. What gets in the way of understanding what God's intentions are in your life?
4. Who do you look to during testing times? Explain why you look to them.
5. What do you do once you learn who God intends to be in your life? With the understanding being that God wants people in your life, who will help you grow closer to him?
6. If you started living with “Crazy Faith” tomorrow, where would you start?

Living Jesus

This week we have discussed what God's intentions are when we feel like we are being tested. He does not wish for us to feel alone or as though we are forgotten. Rather, God wants us to have faith in him that this is in our best interest. It will be uncomfortable, but that is a sign of a faith that is healthy and growing. It takes a crazy faith to do what you've been assigned to do, where you are, with whom God has put into your life.