REACH CHURCH LIFE GROUP LEADER GUIDE



Growing in Faith

Only believe—because faith is the issue of our lives."

Mark 5:36 ESV

"Do not fear, only believe."

Church Highlights

 Fall Serve Day: Join us as we live out our faith through works of service in our city.
 Sign up in the lobby or online.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for meeting us at every point of our faith journey.
- Ask for courage to "only believe" when life feels overwhelming.

Kingdom Impact

Your faithful giving makes a difference as your tithes and offerings impacts us locally and beyond.

Our giving highlight for the month of September is Movement United.

Discussion Questions For Groups

THRIVE Spiritually

- WWhere do you most often feel the tension between faith and unbelief in your own life?
- How does Jesus' response, "Do not fear, only believe," speak into your current situation?
- What practices help you nurture faith when circumstances seem hopeless?

THRIVE Relationally

- How can your faith encourage those around you who are struggling with doubt or fear?
- Who has modeled persevering faith in your life, and what did you learn from them?
- What does it look like for us as a group/family to "carry each other's burdens" in faith?

THRIVE Missionally

- What's one tangible way you can live out faith this week?
- How can our church be "clouds with rain" (fruitful) in our city rather than just words without action?
- Who in your life needs to see the miracle of a changed life, and how can you share your story with them?

Questions for Parents

- Why do you think the woman wanted to touch Jesus' robe? What does that tell us about believing in Him?
- What's an area of life where it's hardest to "only believe"? How could faith change that?

Sermon Summary

Growing in Faith

This week's message highlighted that the central issue of life and discipleship is faith. From Jairus pleading for his dying daughter, to the bleeding woman reaching out in desperation, to Martha wrestling with unbelief at Lazarus's tomb—we see that Jesus consistently meets people right where they are on their journey.

Faith doesn't mean everything is perfect; it means trusting Jesus when fear, doubt, or circumstances press against us. Jesus said, "Do not fear, only believe," because unbelief often rises alongside belief.

Our challenge is to choose faith daily, remembering that even a mustard seed can move mountains. As disciples, we are called to live by faith, abide in Christ, and let our works reveal the fruit of our belief.

Pastoral Care

We have a pastoral care team to walk alongside people through life's challenges, with their permission. Should anyone in your group or serve team experience sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, please contact us at connect@reachchurchnetwork.org!

The 4 Q's

- 1. How long have you been dealing with this?2. Who else knows?
- 3. Have you received any advice or council on how to deal with this?
- 4. Do you have any plans for your next steps?