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Saving Faith

The D-Cycle is a curriculum containing content designed to establish the scriptural foundations of the faith in the life of a believer.

VISION FOR SAVING FAITH

Saving Faith is the second point in the Decided portion of the D-Cycle. Saving Faith partnered with repentance brings us into right relationship with God. Saving Faith is trusting that Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross, was buried in a tomb, and was resurrected from the dead by God. Without saving faith, we are unable to access the life, joy, and peace of Jesus.

Key Definitions

- **Saving Faith:** actively resting in the reality that Jesus died for our sin and God raised Him from the dead for us to be in right relationship with Him

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Summary of Points

1. **Faith is trusting that Jesus is the special Lamb of God sent to take away all sins of humanity. Because of His life, death, and resurrection, we can be forgiven and have a fresh start in life.**

Jesus is the final sacrifice for the sins of humanity. His death in our place, and resurrection from the dead gives us access to new life where we are forgiven and set free.

2. **Faith requires our verbal confession that 'Jesus is Lord'**

Faith is not just internal. What we believe in our heart's overflows out of your mouths in declaring that Jesus is your Lord and the one in charge of our lives. This confession shows we really trust Him.

3. **Faith is not a one-time event, but a continual trust in Jesus's resurrected life. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, his words are true, and we follow Jesus by obeying his commands.**

Faith doesn't end after one moment or prayer. It's a continual confidence to keep trusting that Jesus is alive and working in our lives right now.

- a. Jesus isn't just a figure from the past; He's alive and seated in heaven, demonstrating his authority and power over every being - seen or unseen.
- b. Everything Jesus says is true and real. Because He is the creator, we can trust His teachings to align with the world we live in.

c. Being a follower of Jesus means living out what He teaches even when we may disagree.

4. **Because of Jesus, we can experience life to the full—one of deep joy, peace, and hope, even when things are hard.**

Lifegroup Scriptures

The Crucifixion
Luke 23:26-43

The Availability of Salvation
Romans 10:9-13

D-Group Scriptures

**Peter Confesses Jesus
as the Christ**
Matthew 16:13-20

**Jesus Appears to
Thomas and the 12**
John 20:19-31

Definition of Faith
Hebrews 11:1

Discussion Methods

Below are two suggested methods for discussing Scripture.

Traditional DBS New Testament Letters	Inductive Bible Study Gospels, Acts, Old Testament Accounts
1. What does this say about God?	1. Observation – What happened?
2. What does this say about me/people?	2. Interpretation – What does it mean?
3. What is my obedient response?	3. Application – How can I obey?

HEART

Questions

1. If faith cannot be self-generated, then how do we obtain saving faith?
2. What does it mean to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?
3. What does it mean to believe in your heart?
4. Have you confessed Jesus as Lord?
 - a. How did your life change as a result?
 - b. If you have not, what are your reasons or hesitations?

Lifegroup content ends here

HANDS

Discipleship Actions

1. Share your testimony (your faith) with three other people. Share that you are a follower of Jesus.
 2. Process with a mentor or peer and discuss how you combat your doubts
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