

Testing Our Faith

Devotional Reading: Psalm 139:13-18, 23-24 Background Scripture: 2 Corinthians 13:1-11

Class Discussion Questions

1) What Do You Think? What Do You Think? How can believers “examine” their beliefs and actions to ensure they are “in the faith”?

Digging Deeper: In what ways can an accountability partner or a small group help a believer complete this examination?

2) What Do You Think? How can believers embrace their perceived weaknesses in order to encourage the spiritual growth of others?

Digging Deeper: How will you respond to the lie that believers must be “strong” in the eyes of the world?

3) What Do You Think? How do believers discern whether or not a rebuke is necessary for the health of their congregation?

Digging Deeper: How do Scriptures like Matthew 18:15-17; Luke 17:3-4; Galatians 6:1; and 1 Timothy 5:20 inform believers’ approach to carrying out a rebuke?

4) What Do You Think? How can believers eliminate hindrances that prevent life with “one mind” and “in peace” with other believers?

Digging Deeper: What Scriptures come to mind in this regard?

5) What Do You Think? What aspect of spiritual self-examination seems the most difficult for you in your current season of life?

Digging Deeper: How will you remember that you are a beloved child of God as you take up the practice of spiritual self-examination?

Defending Our Faith

Devotional Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 **Background Scripture:** 1 Peter 3:8-17

Class Discussion Questions

1) What Do You Think? Why might Christians not experience God's gift of unity?

Digging Deeper: What scriptural evidence gives you confidence in unity as a gift, even if believers seem divided?

2) What Do You Think? In which situations is it most difficult not to respond to verbal assaults?

Digging Deeper: In those situations, how can you lean on the Holy Spirit to guide your responses?

3) What Do You Think? What blessing have you experienced during or following suffering for righteousness' sake?

Digging Deeper: How can you communicate the hope of blessing while not ignoring the pain another is currently experiencing?

4) What Do You Think? How do you remain ready to testify about the hope you have?

Digging Deeper: How would someone hearing you speak about your hope describe your attitude?

5) What Do You Think? What is your main takeaway from this lesson?

Digging Deeper: What will do you this week in response to that takeaway?

Living in Faith

Devotional Reading: Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Background Scripture: Acts 6

Class Discussion Questions

1) What Do You Think? In what ways can believers develop spiritual power?

Digging Deeper: How can mature believers leverage their power to encourage the spiritual growth of newer believers?

2) What Do You Think? How do you follow the Spirit's leading in helping make disciples in your neighborhood?

Digging Deeper: How can your congregation be a conduit for the spread of the gospel in your neighborhood and town?

3) What Do You Think? What steps will you take to ensure that your speech is filled with wisdom?

Digging Deeper: How do Proverbs 15:1-2; Ephesians 4:29-32; Colossians 4:5-6; and James 1:19; 3:13-18 inform your answer?

4) What Do You Think? How do your actions, attitudes, and expressions indicate to others that you are a follower of Christ?

Digging Deeper: What are the limitations to judging spiritual status based on outward markers?

5) What Do You Think? How does today's lesson inform your thoughts and behaviors for the upcoming Holy Week?

Digging Deeper: What steps will you take to seek God's wisdom, power, and peace as you invite someone to Easter services?

The Resurrection: Key to Faith

Devotional Reading: Exodus 14:10-14, 21-23, 26-31 Background Scripture: Mark 16

Class Discussion Questions

1) What Do You Think? In what ways will you show devotion to the Lord, even if doing so requires personal discomfort?

Digging Deeper: How can you encourage that level of devotion among other believers?

2) What Do You Think? In what ways has your faith been strengthened by an experience during a funeral service or at a cemetery?

Digging Deeper: How can your acts of comforting a grieving person strengthen your faith?

3) What Do You Think? How would you respond to the claim that belief in the bodily resurrection of Jesus is nonessential for Christians?

Digging Deeper: How do John 20:24-25, 29; Acts 2:22-24; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15; and 1 Peter 1:3-4 inform your response?

4) What Do You Think? What is the significance of living in an “in-between” state when we have evidence of Jesus’ resurrection but have not yet seen Him personally?

Digging Deeper: How does John 20:24-25, 29 inform your answer?

5) What Do You Think? How do you deal with feelings of fear that may arise when sharing the news of Jesus’ resurrection?

Digging Deeper: Who can you recruit as an accountability partner to encourage your faith?
