



Mustard

Sermon Discussion Questions – July 4, 2021

Scripture Passages:

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Matthew 9:29 Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.”

Romans 1:17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Galatians 3:11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous will live by faith.”

Hebrews 10:38 “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”

Habakkuk 2:4 “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness...”

Warm Up:

Throughout this series, we have talked about mustard and experimented with mustard in every way we can think of! What other condiments or foods might we be able to relate to our faith? How? Why? Explain.

Discussion:

1. In his message, Pastor Mark talked about five stages of faith:

- 1. Acknowledgement - Belief in God's Existence*
- 2. Acceptance - Opening Your Heart*
- 3. Trust - Putting Your Whole Weight On It*
- 4. Obedience - Order Your Life By It*
- 5. Delightfully Dangerous Adventure*

How have you experienced one or more of these stages? Are there any other stages you would like to add to this list? If so what would you add?

2. Looking again at the list of faith stages Pastor Mark shared, what might cause someone to move from one phase to the next?

3. Do you think it is harder to trust or to obey? Why?

4. Have you ever experienced struggling with unbelief? What does, "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief," (Mark 9:24) mean to you?

5. Pastor Mark talked about Bilbo Baggins in the Hobbit and how "something Tookish" awoke within him. (Tookish: the longing for adventure—the willingness to risk.) Describe a time when "something Tookish" awoke within you.

6. Sometimes, we regress (go backwards) in the stages. What do you think causes this regression? What are some ways you combat the regression in your own life?

7. What do you think God might be doing in your life to bring you to the next level of faith?

Next Steps:

Take sometime this week to evaluate which stage of faith you might currently be in.

What are some practical steps God might be calling you to take, to take your faith to the next level?

Begin taking one (or more) of those steps this week.