Giving up on God—Week #5 November 21, 2021

Sinkhole Faith



To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

Throughout this *Giving Up on God* series, we learned that doubt is not the enemy, unresolved doubt is, fear is not the problem, instead, it's required for growth, pain has a greater purpose in our lives and following Jesus is hard but He is also our only hope. Sunday, we asked ourselves what we are build-ing our life on and the fact that if it's anything other than Christ, we are bound for failure. Nick described three truths that we can build our life on: The declaration of God's existence, the eye-witness accounts of Jesus' resurrection and the reliability of the Bible's claims. At the end of the day, it's quite simple: ensure your foundation is secure by listening to Jesus and doing what He says.

"Who or what are you building your life on?"

- What goes into something being considered foundational in your life?
- In what way have you experienced the consequences of building your life on anything other than Jesus?

Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

- 1. The declaration of God's existence
- In what way does Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 19:1 declare, and even prove, the existence of God?

- In what way should the existence of God influence our devotion to Him?
- 2. The eye-witness accounts of Jesus' resurrection
- Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important? What implications come as a result of it?
- What makes the eye-witness accounts of Jesus' resurrection so important?
- 3. The reality of the Bible's claims
- In what way is understanding the overall story of the Bible so important to making sense of the individual stories of the Bible?
- Why is it so important that we allow the Bible to examine us? In what way is this different than how we typically utilize the Bible?

Now what?

- What steps can you take in order to better solidify your foundation upon Christ?
- What role does obedience have if we are to build our foundation upon Christ?

Three Essential Questions

- 1. What did you hear? What point in this message was most impactful for you?
- 2. What do you think? How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?
- 3. What will you do? How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?