



FAITH

Follow Me

Icebreaker: What is your favorite Winter weather accessory?

Read Together: 2 Peter 1:3-16 (NIV)

Discuss:

- The genuineness of your faith takes testing and when tested, results in honoring Jesus!
- What are ways your faith has been tested?

Read Together: Deuteronomy 4:20 (KJV), Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Take a few moments to consider the following statements and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about what they mean to your life.
 - God himself makes himself available to YOU!
 - You cannot be transformed by human effort.
 - Pastor Mark used the analogy of your salvation being a free house to live in. The furnishings for the house are available to you in the moving truck out front. Have you made an effort to bring those furnishings into the house?
- We Have Access to God's Nature!
 - Here are the Seven Qualities that are fruits of abiding in Christ!
 - Virtue
 - Knowledge
 - Self-control
 - Steadfastness
 - Godliness
 - Brotherly Affection
 - Love
 - Have you asked God to equip you with the 7 qualities above? How do you make every effort to obtain them?

Read Together: Exodus 20:18-21 (ESV), Genesis 3:8 (KJV), John 1:14 (ESV), Revelation 21:3 (ESV)

Discuss:

- God desires a love relationship with us.
- What is your more natural response to God, His love, and His power?

- Do you stand far off or do you come near to Him?
- Take a moment to consider why you respond the way you do to God.

Discuss: Apprenticeship and following Jesus.

- Jesus tells us to follow Him.
- There is work to be done. There is an inheritance that belongs to you. Are you putting in the work it takes to obtain that inheritance?
- Are you willing to be the kind of follower who moves out the junky stuff and puts in the good quality furniture God offers?
- A helpful adage that can keep you in sync goes like this: “I (Jesus) do, you watch, I do, you help, You do, I help, You do I watch.”
 - God wants to see you thriving in the life He purchased for you. He wants to give you life to the fullest (John 10:10), that is why He sent Jesus!

Read Together: Hebrews 10:39 (ESV)

- How does this verse encourage you to pursue all that God has for you?
- What are you going to do this week to apply what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you?

Pray:

Lord, the analogy of your Salvation being a shelter for me is beautiful. Thank you for making a safe place for me to dwell. Please show me how to bring in the furniture of virtue and fruit that will remain. Teach me to abide in you and bear fruit that you want me to bear. Show me how to live in a way that brings life to me and to those around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.