



**“The Walk of Faith”  
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**Small Group Plan**

A disciple of Christ orients their life to the Will of God.

How does one know the Will of God?

**OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...**

**Read Hebrews 11:1-2**

*“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.  
<sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.”*

Describe Faith.

**LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...**

***Faith Is A Way Of Life***

***Habakkuk 2:4***

*“Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.”*

***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.”*

***2 Corinthians 5:7***

*“For we live by faith, not by sight.”*

React to these two statements: "Christianity is a religion." and "Christianity is a way of life."

- Is it one or the other or both?
- How has living by faith affected your life?
- How Does Faith Come To You?

***Romans 10:17***

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

- How can a person have great zeal for God or religious activities and yet be misguided?
- What are the similarities and differences between a sports fanatic and a committed Christian?
- What are some ways you can share your faith in Christ?
- In what settings is sharing faith in Christ most effective?

**USE IT / APPLY IT ...**

React to this story that was shared on Sunday morning. (Paraphrased from the book *Questions of Truth*)

A philosopher, a scientist, and a simple man—none of whom could swim—were trapped in a cove with sheer cliff faces. They split up, but the tide kept coming in. Rescuers lower a rope with a safety harness.

The philosopher says, "This looks like a rope, but I might be mistaken—it could be wishful thinking or an illusion." So... he didn't act, and he drowned.

The scientist says, "Ah, this is an 11 mm polyester rope with a breaking strain of 2800 kg. It conforms to the MR 10-81 standard," and then proceeds to give an exhaustive, and entirely correct, analysis of the rope's physical and chemical properties. But. . .he didn't act, and he drowned.

The simple man says, "I'm not sure if it's a rope or a python, but it's my only chance, so I'm grabbing it and holding on with my whole life." He was saved.

If you're thinking that an enlightened faith in God would be better than an unenlightened faith, you're right. But the point of the story is this: mere intellectual understanding that does not lead to trust and action is not what God is looking for.

Faith doesn't mean closing our minds to learning and understanding, it means putting our trust in God even when I don't see the entire picture.

React to this illustration. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.