



Faith Can Move Mountains

Matthew 17:20

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Objective of this study: To understand more about faith, how it grows, and what it leads to.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Psalm 9:9-11** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

Welcome question

Share an experience that built your faith in someone.

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read **Matthew 17:20; Romans 3:22-24; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 22:37-40: and James 2:22.**
3. Jeff talked about faith, being made right with God, and heart change. What do these verses (above) have to say about these things? And how are these concepts interrelated with each other?
4. A key part of growing strong in faith is getting to know the object of our faith, which is God, and learning about his trustworthiness. We don't have faith in our faith; we have faith in God. The more we get to know him, what he has done, what he has promised to do, how he is with us in hard times, how he teaches us and changes our hearts, the more our faith can grow.

Pick one or more of the following examples of people living in faith, and God using them to 'move mountains.' As you read about them, look for:

- what they learned or experienced about God which caused their faith in him to grow.
- the actions or choices they made as a result.
- The 'mountain' God moved, as they chose to trust him and do as he instructed.

Abraham - Genesis 12:1-9

Joshua - Joshua 5:13-6:7

Rahab - Joshua 2:8-13

Esther - Esther 1:15-18; 4:11; 7:3

Mary - Luke 1:32-38

Jesus - Hebrews 12:1-2

5. We might not all experience such dramatic things as these Biblical characters did. The apostle John, who spent 3 years with Jesus, wrote: "The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. **These are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah**, and that by believing in him, you will have life by the power of his name" (John 20:30-31). Hebrews 12:2 says that **Jesus is 'the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.'**

What are the implications for you? What life situation are you currently in? What mountains do you see that God might be calling you to do something about as you respond to him in faith, and as you 'love God and love people'?

Prayer:

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Thank Jesus for how he grows our faith in him.** Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.

B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.

C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.

D. **Our missionary of the week: Mark and Catherine Buhler.** (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)

E. **Local church: Quadra Island Church.**

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