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Journeys

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Mark 6:5-9

Luke 10:17

The journey of Faith

Eph 3:20

The journey of Community

Matt 18:19-20

The journey of Confidence

Luke 10:17

This past spring we were given the opportunity to participate in the Breakthrough initiative. Many of our families evaluated what being a part of First Church of God means to us.

Take some time and share with your group what being a part of First Church has meant to you or your family.

We look at the early church in Acts and cannot help but compare their Faith Journey and experiences to the church of today. In our society what do you see as the purpose(s) of church? What does our church "get right"? What can we do better? How can we accomplish this together?

Read Romans 12:4-8

In what ways does personal spiritual growth affect the growth of our church?

The disciples were sent out two by two and were to take nothing with them so that they would not be encumbered. Read Ecc. 4:9-10, Heb. 10:25 and Matt. 18:19-20. How does being with fellow believers strengthen or encourage you? How do we not become encumbered?

Faith is a big part of our journey, especially when it comes to mission.

Reading James 1:5-8 we see that we should not waver like a wave of the sea being tossed about. What builds your confidence in the Lord? What builds your faith?

Read Mark 6:7 - 13

What kind of faith would it have taken to go out and do what Jesus asked the disciples to do?

What kind of faith does it take for us to share the gospel in our particular fields of influence?

Read Luke 8:40-55 and Romans 4:18-21

As we read about the woman with the issue of bleeding for twelve years we see that Jesus told her "your faith has healed you". It seems that this miracle was a reward for her faith. The miracle was not what caused her faith.

How do we become "fully persuaded" like Abraham was in Romans 4? He was not "weakened in his faith".

Have you ever reached out like the woman in Luke 8? If so, please share your testimony with the group.

What are some key components of living by faith?

What are principles found in these passages that could help all of us live by faith and not by sight?

Take a look at Luke 18:1- 8

Contrast the differences between the unjust judge and Father God.

What are the parallels that you see?

When it comes to approaching God in prayer and faith, are you different or similar to the widow? Explain.

How does this parable impact your walk of faith - especially in the area of prayer?

What things can you share that you are currently praying in faith for?

What kinds of things would you like to see God do in you, in your family, in your Church?