

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

TAKING IT HOME

1. Regarding Mark 9:14-29, can you sympathize with the paradoxical statement made by the father, "I believe, help my unbelief"? How is it possible to believe and still struggle with believing what God can do in your life? Try to think of real life examples and share them with the group.

2. When you have conversations with skeptics about God, what are the questions that are asked or the statements that are made that are hard to answer? Talk as a group to help one another with possible answers to these hard questions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

Series: "Can I Believe It? ~ Evidence for the Christian Faith"

Message #1: "Reasons for your Faith"

Speaker: Pastor Mark Brunott

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NOTES:

1. Introduction

2. The truth of Christianity can be defended through **apologetics**.

3. The truth of Christianity can be defended through **evidence**.

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QUICK REVIEW

Pastor Mark kicked off a short series on apologetics this Sunday. What did you like about Mark's introductory sermon? Lastly, what is your opinion regarding a Christian's responsibility to engage both the heart and mind for Christ? What might that look like for you?

MY STORY

1. When you were a child in school, where did you go to find answers to questions/problems? Where do you go, now?
2. Are you an intellectual arguer/debater OR an emotional arguer/debater? How does this work out when you are in conflict with family or close friends?

DIGGING DEEPER

In today's homework, we will explore the correlation of concepts related to faith, reason, and action/response.

1. Read Luke 5:17-26.
 - a. Who displays and expresses faith in this story?
 - b. Looking at those who expressed their faith in Jesus, what actions did they take?
 - c. Why do the scribes and Pharisees question Jesus? In other words, what reasoning is taking place in their minds?
 - d. What is the central claim being made in this passage?
2. As you consider the application of Luke 5:17-26, what do you learn about the power and authority of Jesus? How does faith and reason move us to action, much like it did for the group of men who believed in the claims of Jesus?
3. Read Mark 9:14-29.
 - a. Provide a summary of the entire episode.
 - b. What do we know about the father's faith? Look closely at the comments made to Jesus in 9:22.
 - c. How does Jesus respond to the father's statement? What does, "all things are possible for one who believes" mean?
 - d. Note the father's follow-up response, "I believe, help my unbelief!" What does he mean and how does it relate to healing power of Jesus?