



Week Four – The Domino Effect: Faith

CONNECT

- Did you believe in Santa Claus or the Tooth Fairy or any other mythical being? Why did you believe in them?
- How long does it take you to trust in another person?

WORD

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

THOUGHT

Seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness is a decision that will result in blessing. But some people misinterpret Scripture, thinking that God is compelled to give us all things when we seek Him first. As we seek God and delight in Him, He changes our hearts, aligns our desires to His will, and gives these desires to us. Our own desires may not be the best for us. God wants us to understand that His desire is not for us to be happy, but for us to be holy. God knows what is best for us and He knows every need.

DISCUSSION

1. We're told faith is a substance hoped for the assurance of things not seen. How would you describe faith? How do we obtain it?

2. As we have discussed in the past weeks, Matthew 6:33 shares with us that we must seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. This scripture shares that God will give us more of Him. What role does God play in building our faith?

3. What does the process of choosing to trust in what you see into what you do not see look like? How do we know God is with us in this process?

4. Does how we view God effect our faith? Believing in Christ's sacrifice allows you to have faith to see God in the proper way. That is a good father that gives good gifts to his child. (Matthew 7:9-11)

5. Was there ever a situation where God changed your desires to reflect His? What was that experience like? What Happened?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Spend time with the Lord, knowing how much time you spend with God versus how much you ask of God
- Spend time reading God's word and asking the scripture to be understood for its meaning
- Spend time asking what His desires are for your life and for those around you

PRAYER

- Lord, give me the grace to intentionally spend time with you this week. Share with me all the times that you have provided and walked with me through difficult circumstances. Open my heart to receive your desires and will over my life. Give me the faith and boldness to declare the things hoped for and the assurance of the things that I cannot see. Amen.