

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Series: Following Hard After Jesus
Title: The Believability Quotient
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WARM-UP

Read John 20:18-31. Share one personal "take away" from the teaching this past weekend.

DISCUSSION

- What do we mean when we refer to ourselves as "people of faith"?
- Does being a person of faith mean we always believe wholeheartedly, that we have no doubts, that our faith is always strong even when the going is tough?

Read Acts 1:1-3. Notice that Jesus didn't shy away from giving tangible proof of his resurrection.

- What is the relationship between "faith" and "evidence" in the Christian life?
- Do you rely on any evidence in order to support your faith?
- If someone asked you to give evidence for your faith, what would you offer as a response?

"Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes." Matthew 18:7 (NRSV)

- In what ways do Christians engage in life that may serve as a stumbling block to onlookers, moving them away from Jesus instead of towards him?

"We, too, are sometimes privileged to see the great things God is doing in our day. At times we too can testify, 'I have seen the Lord.' And the more believably we can say that, the more visibly we let our experiences change our lives, the more effectively we will be able to help others whose faith is weak or who have never found a reason to believe." Tim Geddert

Read Matthew 5:14-16

- What are practical ways in which Christians conduct their lives that can serve as a light, and helpfully point people in the direction of God?
- When you observe the way Christians engage in life, do you think we function more as stumbling blocks keeping people from discovering Jesus, or as lights illuminating the way to Jesus? Give a reason for your answer.
- What would you identify in your own life that others might observe that you hope would make you a "believable" witness for Jesus.

Spend time praying for one another, that each of the members of your group would indeed be a "believable witness" for Jesus, giving compelling evidence to others about the hope we have in Him.

(Life Group Leaders: We would love to have feedback in regards to any questions your group has from this, or any future Life Group discussion. While we may not be able to engage in every question, we are looking to create a forum by which to carry on the conversation and engage with feedback and questions as we are able. Please use the form at <https://www.southabbotsford.com/Messages> to interact in this way.)