

Week 11
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4 Questions, 1 Message: Is Faith Rational?

Verses

Matthew 28:16-20
Acts 17:17-18
John 8:31-32
Deuteronomy 6:4-5
Hosea 4:6
2 Peter 1:5
1 Corinthians 13:12
Romans 1:21
1 Corinthians 8:1-3

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Recap:

Today we are going to knock out 4 questions that have as a central premise: faith being rational. It truly is possible to believe in reason, logic, and learning...AND...embrace faith in a miraculous, supernatural God. These are the questions we will cover:

1. *Does "Faith" mean believing good things for no good reason?*
2. *Can you believe in science and God?*
3. *Can anyone really know moral or spiritual truth?*
4. *Do Christians only care about being "right?"*

Richard Foster writes that in the end, God will not ask how much I knew about a zillion things, the question is, "do we know Jesus?" In relationship. Being right for Christians isn't about being right, it is about being IN right relationship with Jesus and the way it happens is in the Gospel.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever felt like your faith was treated as less intelligent or less legitimate by people around you (at school, work, online)? What was that like?
- Early Christianity spread rapidly despite having no political power or authority behind it — why do you think that historical fact matters when someone claims faith only survives through authority or indoctrination?
- Have you ever felt forced to choose between faith and intellectual credibility? How does today's message push back on that?
- In Romans 1 Paul says people "knew God" but suppressed that knowledge. Have you ever known something was true or right but talked yourself out of acting on it?
- Can you think of an example (in Scripture or in your own life) of someone who combined truth and love well? What about someone who didn't?
- Being right isn't the goal, being in relationship with Jesus is. How does that reframe or change the way you think about debates or defending your faith?

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