

20/20 Vision: Seeing and Reaching the Lost
“Seeing Faith”
2 Corinthians 5:7

We only mature as we grow in faith and faith only grows when it's **challenged**.

Stages of **Trusting** God

Stage 1: **Basic** Faith (Hebrews 11:6)

Believes that God **exists**.

May or may not have a **saving** relationship with God.

Focus is on what we **receive** from God.

Stage 2: **Weak** Faith (Romans 14:1)

Trusts God for small matters, but prefers things **easy**, safe and predictable.

Focus is on **comfort**.

Stage 3: **Little** Faith (Matthew 14:31, 17:20)

Shrinks back when God challenges because seems **impossible** to believe.

Focus is on circumstances or **obstacles**.

Stage 4: **Strong** Faith (Rom. 4:20)

Trusting God for what **seems** impossible.

Focus is on what God can **do**.

Stage 5: **Mature** Faith (James 1:3-4)

May experience delay or difficulty, but **still** trusts God to provide.

Perseveres, **trusting** God no matter what happens.

Focus is on **God**.

The key to growing in faith is **focusing** on God.

LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. Give a non-religious example from everyday life of how we exercise faith.
2. Read 2 Cor. 5:7 & Rom. 4:20. What are things we “see” that make us waver in faith?
3. “Faith only grows when it’s challenged.” Do you believe this? Why or why not?
4. Read Luke 7:1-10. What is the centurion’s point in v. 8? How do you respond to authority? How does this manifest in your walk with Jesus?
5. Review the 5 Stages of Faith. Which one are you in right now? Explain.
6. Which of the 5 “Focus” statements (from each Stage) best describes you?
7. What is a step God is asking you to take to trust him more?

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:

Trustworthy Steward of God’s Resources/Living Surrendered