

Family Group Midweek Lessons

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Crazy

This Family Group Bible-Talk is intended to supplement the November 10th sermon at the MSPCOC. Although having attended or listened to that lesson is helpful, it is not required to take part in the following discussion.

Opening Questions:

- What is the craziest most radical thing that you have ever done (that is appropriate to share in a Bible talk setting :-)
- *Be sure to share your own "crazy" story*
- Why do you think that as we grow older, we tend to do less and less things that are considered crazy?
- As we get older, are we also less likely to act in radical faith that seems crazy to the world?
- Today's study is a look at radical faith that seems crazy to the world

Read: Hebrews 11:23

Group Questions:

- *The act of faith by Moses' parents might not seem like a great act of faith but it must have been because they were the only ones with the courage to do it*
- What is the most courageous act of faith you have ever taken?
- What motivates us to take courageous actions of faith? What keeps us from being courageous in our faith?
- *Their faith must have been passed on to Moses because Hebrews outlines three incredibly faithful acts by Moses that we will look at today*

BY FAITH HE TURNED DOWN THE WORLD'S TRAPPINGS

Read: Hebrews 11:24-26

Group Questions:

- Why do you think Moses was willing to reject the pomp and pleasure of the most powerful country of his day and, arguably, the richest country for the wealthy ruling class in the history of the world?

- 2 Corinthians 8:9 tells us that Jesus was rich but became poor for our sake
- How does this help motivate us to turn down the trappings of the world?
- What is the hardest part of doing that?

BY FAITH HE FLED THE FAMILIAR

Read: Hebrews 11:27

Group Questions:

- *Moses could have stayed in Egypt, the only home he had ever known, and started a slave revolt that would have appeased his passion to stand up for his people but because of his faith he left, realizing this was not God's timing*
- *Trusting in God often means a great deal of patience*
- What is the most difficult aspect for you of being patient in faith?
- Is there a time in your life that you have been faithfully patient and only later did you see how God was working at just the right pace?

BY FAITH HE WAS WILLING TO DO THE STRANGE

Read: Hebrews 11:28

Group Questions:

- *Smearing the blood of sheep (an animal that was hated as unclean in Egypt) would probably have seemed quite strange to someone raised as an Egyptian royal (even though he had spent much time in the desert)*
- *This would have seemed crazy to the Egyptians and Jews but Moses was willing to get dirty and put his reputation on the line*
- Are you willing to look strange, unusual and even crazy to the world because of your faith and obedience to God?
- What is one area of your faith walk that is difficult for you because you struggle with not wanting to be thought of as strange?

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE HAVE FAITH

Read: Hebrews 11:29-31

Group Questions:

- *When people showed radical faith they saw huge miracles. They would have missed out on seeing God do incredible things if they had not been faithful*
- *In Hebrews 11:1 he says that faith is living in full confidence and assurance of the great Christian hope of resurrection. In other words, to live right now as though resurrection is our future and that it determines our actions more than the things of the present age*
- What is the most challenging part of actually doing that?

Final Thought:

- Spend some time thinking and praying this week about what great things God wants to do in your life if you continue to live as though the hope of resurrection is more real than the threats, pressures, and seeming reality of the present age



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