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Why Faith?

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What is faith?

A better word for faith is _____

How much faith do I need?

Anyone who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

Why did God choose to use this thing called FAITH?

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#1 Because faith is something I can understand.

#2 Because it is the easiest and hardest thing to have.

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. Acts 17:27

#3 Faith and trust are the things that build relationships.

"Christians and their opponents again and again expect that some new discovery will either turn matters of faith into matters of knowledge or else reduce them to patent absurdities. But it has never happened. What we believe always remains intellectually possible; it never becomes intellectually compulsive." -C.S. Lewis, The World's Last Night

Why believe in this God?

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

For your LifeGroup discussion...

How would you describe faith? Why do you think it could be hard for people to understand what faith is?

Read Hebrews 11:1-6. What does it say to you about faith?

Now look at Romans 4:1-8, 16-25. This is a hard passage-- but pull out what it says about Abraham's faith and how it relates to us.

Talk about the reasons God chose FAITH to be the way we are to come to Him (see notes). Is there something you would add?

We said that we don't just believe in 'a god', but in THIS God. What does that mean to you?

For further reading: In Search of a Confident Faith (J.P. Moreland and Klaus Issler), Keep the Faith (Martin Ayers), Mere Christianity (C.S. Lewis).