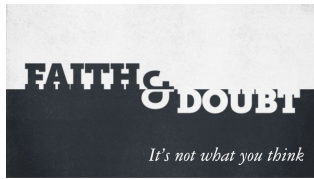


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What We Have

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Now faith is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

We Have an Inheritance!

"According to His great mercy, (God) has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith."

1 Peter 1:3-5

"In this you rejoice" 1 Peter 1: 6

Even Though...

"though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials"

- 1 Peter 1:6

"the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory." 1 Peter 1:8

Without trust, love is not possible.

Prepare Your Mind

"Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1: 13

Salvations benefits...

- I have found new life through God's mercy
- I know God is working to make me more like Jesus (refining fire)
- I will find glory & honor when I see God in heaven

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

- 1) What are some crazy inheritances that you've heard of people leaving behind?
- 2) What is something you wish you would have inherited from family or a friend (besides loads of cash!)?
- 3) Read 1 Peter 1:1-13.
- 4) Curt described God's mercy as His pity He shows humanity in spite of our sin & because of our total helplessness to right our wrongs. What does it mean to you that God shows mercy when we trust Him rather than wrath?
- 5) In what ways do you celebrate the mercy God has shown you?
- 6) We've all experienced broken promises before, however, God's promise of salvation is "imperishable, undefiled & unfading" (1 Peter 1:4). In today's world that can seem so hard to believe. How can we trust that this is true?
- 7) Even though we hold to God's promises, it's easy for us to focus on all the wrongs going on around us – either personally, locally, nationally or in the world. Read Psalm 23. How does the writer of this passage contend with the concerns of his life? What examples do 1 Peter 1:6-8 & Psalm 23 give us for going through trails & valleys?
- 8) Verse 8 describes the joy we will experience in heaven as "inexpressible & filled with glory" (ESV), can you even imagine what it will be like to see the risen Jesus & know that your faith is real?
- 9) How do you prepare your "minds for action" & be "sober-minded" (verse 13)? In what ways does this help you deal with the "even though" moments in your life?
- 10) Who is someone you can share this message with so that they can be encouraged in their faith today?
- 11) Take time to pray for & with each other

If you'd like to grow in your faith and connect with others, LifeGroups are a great place for you. For more information, drop us your name and we'll get back to you (emma@marinerscc.org)