



April 14, 2024
FEAR VERSUS TRUST
Matthew 17:14-20

Big Idea: Fear versus Trust: What are we letting drive our decisions?

Outline:

1. Fear versus Trust
2. Fear is not doubt
3. Doubt can drive us deeper into our faith
4. We only need enough faith to come to the mountain and cry out to God
5. Who do we put our trust in?

Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *What is fear keeping you from doing?*
2. *Where do you find yourself doubting*
 - a. *Yourself?*
 - b. *God?*
 - c. *Others?*
3. *What is something that you can do to let God meet you in our doubts instead of trying to push past them?*

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4. *What does it look like for you to come to the mountain and worship?*

5. *What are some places that you find yourself trusting in your abilities and knowledge more than God's?*
 - a. *Work?*

 - b. *Home?*

 - c. *Relationships?*

May we be a community that chooses trust over fear, and lets our doubts draw us deeper into our faith instead of pushing us further away. May we have enough faith to come to the mountain and cry out to God.

A disciple of Jesus is someone who is following Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org>)

1. **Talk:** *To begin the study, each person answers these questions:*
 - *What are you thankful for?*
 - *What is causing you stress?*
 - *Who needs our help? How can this group help them?*
2. **Look Back** *(session 2+)*
 - *Retell story from the previous meeting.*
 - *What did you do differently because of this story?*
 - *Who did you tell and what was the reaction?*
3. **Read & Re-tell**
 - *One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.*
 - *Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.*
4. **Look**
 - *Read the passage again.*
 - *Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.*
5. **Look again**
 - *Read the passage once more*
 - *Discuss what this passage says about humans*
 - *Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus*
6. **Inside me**
 - *According to this study, what am I doing well?*
 - *What do I need to change?*
7. **Who else?**
 - *Who needs to hear this story?*
 - *How can I tell them?*
 - *Who can I invite to study the Bible?*

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