

DISCIPLESHIP PRIMER
Four Steps to Christlikeness

BELIEVE BECOME BELONG BUILD

WHAT AMAZES JESUS

"He was amazed at the Centurion's faith:
"I've not seen such belief even in Israel."

LUKE 7:9

"He was amazed at their unbelief."

MARK 6:6

Nothing stirs Jesus more than belief—or the lack of it.

BELIEF / UNBELIEF

Unbelief

Not denial of Christ's Lordship; It is to acknowledge him as Lord yet live as if he doesn't matter.

Belief

To live as if Jesus is all that matters.

The **first step** toward Christlikeness must begin with belief.

"Now is the time. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the gospel!"

MARK 1:14-15

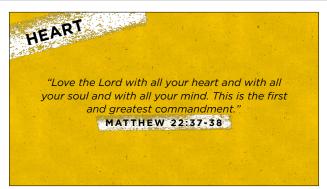




God doesn't just want our head and our hands, he wants our hearts.

"Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus...you will be saved. For with the heart one believes." ROMANS 10:9-10





A fully devoted heart that overflows with: • RADICAL LOVE • RUTHLESS TRUST • RISKY FAITH

MATTHEW 17:17-20

""You unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.' Jesus rebuked the demon, it came out and the boy was instantly healed. In private the disciples asked, 'Why couldn't we drive it out?' He replied, 'Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.""

Jesus' rebuke wasn't with the quantity of their faith, but with the quality of their faith.

REASONS FOR REBUKE

Their inability to deliver the boy exposed their **prayerlessness**.

"This kind comes out only by prayer."

MARK 9:29

Prayerlessness reveals believing without living as if Jesus is all that matters.

REASONS FOR REBUKE

Their inability to deliver the boy exposed dependence on **their own power**.

"As you go ... heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons." MATTHEW 10:6-8

Relying on our own strength reveals believing without living as if Jesus is all that matters.

More than anything, Jesus wants me to believe in him — to live as if he is all that matters!

"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by **believing** you may have life in his name."

JOHN 20:30-31

"John the Baptist came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through Jesus all might **believe**." JOHN 1:7

"All who receive him, to those who **believe** in his name, he gives the right to become the children of God." JOHN 1:12

JOHN 3:14-18

"The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's only Son."

JOHN 2:19,22

"'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.' ... (the temple he had spoken of was his body.)
After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they **believed** the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken."

DO I BELIEVE?

Belief is placing total, radical trust in Jesus Christ so that he is all that really matters!







