

Discussion Guide: The Blueprint For Faith – Pastor Eric Youman

Summary

In this sermon, Pastor discusses the importance of faith as a blueprint for believers. He emphasizes that faith is not just a feeling or wish, but the God-given ability to trust Him even when we can't see Him working. The pastor explains that faith is the spiritual bridge between the invisible spiritual world and our visible natural world, allowing us to pull God's promises from heaven to earth. He stresses that real faith produces real action - it's not just what we believe or say, but what we do in response to God's word.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss the blueprint of faith, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive Your wisdom. Help us to understand how faith can transform our lives and bring Your promises to fruition. May our discussion today strengthen our trust in You, even when we cannot see the path ahead. Guide our conversation and reveal to each person exactly what You want them to learn about building their faith. In Jesus' name, amen.

Ice Breaker

Think about a time when you trusted something or someone without having all the information (like sitting in a chair without checking if it would hold you, or crossing a bridge without inspecting it). What made you willing to trust in that moment?

Key Verses

- Matthew 7:24-27
- Hebrews 11:1
- Romans 12:3
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- James 2:17
- Romans 1:17
- Ephesians 3:20

Questions

- The pastor defined faith as 'the God-given ability to trust in Him even when you can't trace Him.' How would you describe your current ability to trust God when you can't see what He's doing?
- Romans 12:3 says God has given each of us a measure of faith. How have you seen this gift of faith at work in your life?
- The sermon described faith as 'the spiritual bridge between the invisible spiritual world and the visible natural world.' Can you share an example of when your faith helped bring a spiritual promise into your physical reality?
- The pastor said, 'Real faith produces real action.' What's one area in your life where God might be calling you to put your faith into action?
- How do you respond when what God has promised doesn't match what you're currently experiencing? How might you strengthen your faith during these times?
- The sermon mentioned that faith is 'the currency of heaven.' What do you think this means practically in your daily life?
- The pastor shared the example of Abraham as the father of faith. What can we learn from Abraham about not wavering in our faith even when circumstances seem impossible?
- What's one area where you need to move from just hoping for something to actively exercising faith for it?

Life Application

This week, identify one promise from God's Word that applies to a current situation in your life. Write it down and place it somewhere you'll see it daily. Each day, take one specific action that demonstrates your faith in that promise - whether it's speaking it out loud, thanking God in advance for fulfilling it, or taking a step that shows you believe it will happen. At the end of the week, reflect on how actively exercising your faith affected your perspective on the situation.

Key Takeaways

- Faith is the God-given ability to trust Him even when we can't see Him working - it's believing God is who He says He is and will do what He promised.
- God has given each believer a measure of faith; it's not something we create but something He gives us to connect with Him.
- Faith is the spiritual bridge that allows us to pull God's promises from heaven to earth.
- Real faith produces real action - it's not just what we believe or say, but what we do in response to God's word.
- Faith is the currency of heaven - it's how we make withdrawals on what God has already deposited in us.



Ending Prayer

Lord God, thank You for the gift of faith You've placed within each of us. Help us to nurture and grow this faith by standing firmly on Your Word. When storms come and when circumstances don't match Your promises, strengthen our resolve to trust You anyway. Give us the courage to put our faith into action, to move when You say move, and to stand when You say stand. May our lives be testimonies of what happens when we build on the solid foundation of faith in You. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.