

Faith Works

The Fruit of Faith

The Christian Faith will never be relevant if it remains at the level of private, personal belief and does not transform our lives. Faith is meant to move us. Faith is meant to transform us. Faith is meant to bear fruit in a life that looks like the life of Jesus. The fruit of faith is a changed life. A faith that works is a faith that moves...and this is the only kind of faith that matters.

Discussion Questions

1. If you were able to choose between a life of security with stability and a life of adventure with risk, which would you choose? Why? What is the driving force behind your choice?
 2. Would the people around you say that your faith is relevant? Share and discuss.
 3. When Jesus called Zacchaeus, he was “penetrated and captured by a gaze that recognized and loved him for what he was.” Have you ever experienced this encounter with Jesus? Discuss.
 4. Is your faith in Jesus the guiding principle of your life? Would you say that you “think about Jesus a lot” or that your relationship with Him affects all of your decisions? Keeping in mind that you aren’t perfect, how might this relationship grow? Discuss.
 5. The fruit of faith costs something. It means that we truly take Jesus at His word. It means that we follow His counsel before all others. Is this true in your life? Please share and discuss.
 6. Mature faith is growing to look at the world like Jesus. It is living like Jesus. It is becoming like Jesus. What are the main obstacles in your life that make it difficult to become like Jesus? Discuss.
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God in Real Life

1. This week, take note of how you spend your time, money, and relationships. And ask if you would do anything differently if you weren't a Christian?
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To the Heart

“To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” ~Cardinal Suhard