

- 1. Talk about how everyone is doing in accomplishing the goals they set.
- 2. What do you think it means to have faith in God? The Greek word for faith is "pistis" which means to trust in or rely on. How do we trust in or rely on Christ for our salvation?
- 3. It has been said that faith always produces action, if you have faith you will do something about it; do you agree with this statement? If you learn that God says that if you give to meet the needs of others he will then provide for your needs, what will you do if you trust that promise? What will you do if you do not trust the promise? Is it possible to trust in one promise of God and not another? Which promise of God do you have problems trusting in (having faith)?
- 4. Pastor Rick said that there are three keys to accomplishing God's dream for your life, what were they? Read James 4:2,3. According to this passage, why do some people not see God's dream for their lives?
- 5. Read Ephesians 3:20,21. What does this passage say that gives us insight into how we could accomplish spiritually what God wants us to accomplish for him? What would happen if we not only believed this was true but had faith in what it says and acted as if it is true? How would your life change if you did?
- 6. What are the four types of faith that will make you spiritually fit? Which one do you have the most problem with? Which one do you think is your strongest area of faith?
- 7. Read Luke 17:5,6. What do these verses tell us about faith? What can we do in order to increase our faith?

Answers

- 1. Talk about how everyone is doing in accomplishing the goals they set.
- 2. To have faith in God means that you a. believe what he says is true and b. you trust in what he says by applying what he says to your life because you believe it works. We trust and rely on Christ and his death for our sins for salvation by putting our hope of eternal life in him and not relying on anything we do as a means of obtaining eternal life.
- 3. If a person truly trusts and relies on something God says, they obey it, they put it into practice. If you have faith, it always produces a response. If you believe God's promise of provision, then you will give to the church to help others. If you do not have faith in his promise, you will not give because you think you will not have what you need. It is completely possible to have faith in one thing God says and not have faith in something else.
- 4. The three keys were a. Ask God to show you his dream for your life; b. Believe God's promises are true for me; and c. Choose the biggest dream you can imagine. People do not ask God for him to accomplish his will in their lives and what they do ask for is for God to fulfill their own selfish desires.
- 5. How would your life change if you did? Ephesians 3 tells us that God wants to do more through us than we can even imagine so if we were to begin to believe this and have faith in him, we would attempt things that we could never have thought we could do and accomplish the impossible.
- 6. The four types are: a. A faith that chooses to believe God's dreams for my life; b. A faith that does not fear failure; c. A faith that expects God to use me and bless me; and d. A faith that never gives up.
- 7. Read Luke 17:5,6. What do these verses tell us about faith? What can we do in order to increase our faith? This passage tells us it is not the size of the faith in the person believing that makes a difference, it is the size of the person who you are putting your faith in that matters. Faith acts just like a muscle: if you use your faith and stretch it, it will then grow. If you do not use it, it will atrophy. The way you grow your faith is by starting to have faith in what God says and applying his promises in your life. Then, as you see God do what he promises, it causes your faith to grow so you can trust in him in more and larger ways.