



GROUPDISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK Sep 25 – Oct 1

MAIN IDEA

What looks ridiculous to the world can be the power of God actively saving.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the “highs & lows” of your week/holidays. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

Have you ever done something that you were ridiculed or mocked for?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING) 15 min

1. Read Hebrews 11:7. What are the inspiring aspects of Noah’s faith?
2. Through his faith how were others impacted?

3. The phrasing of *by his faith he condemned the rest of the world* (NIV) can be confusing. The Message translation says, *His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world*. How does this phrasing help you better understand this part of the verse?
4. How have you seen God show up in moments of intense faith in your life?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. “Ridiculous Faith” is what the world sees when they look at disciples of Jesus. But the life of faith can seem upside down to an unbelieving world (ex: *the last shall be first, and the first shall be last*—Matthew 20:16). How do you see Paul trying to describe this upside down faith in this passage?
6. At the end of the passage, what is the reason Paul gives for God choosing *what is low and despised in the world*?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. What are examples of things that Christians are called to that seem foolish to the world?
2. Is there an area you feel like God is calling you to live in greater faith but to your mind or flesh it seems “ridiculous”?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

Has your group discussed where you want to serve this fall? If you need help in finding a local partner, you can email our Local Outreach Pastor, Veronica Arredondo at varredondo@summitnv.org.