

Care Group Discussion Guide Celebration Church

1. Have Faith in God

- a. Stop circling the mountain and speak to it (Mark 11:22-26).
 - i. When you speak to the mountain, it will move. However, it may not move when and how you expect it to move. Our job is to just believe.
 - ii. It's time for a revolution. See the mountain and do not settle, but believe that the mountain will come down
- b. Faith is deposited into our lives through the word of God (Romans 10:17).
- c. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- d. Ask in faith without doubting (James 1:6-8).
 - i. The word *doubt* means to "withdraw oneself, hesitate, dispute, oppose or strive over."
 - ii. Doubt is giving the devil free rent in your mind, desires, and emotions.
 - iii. Doubt is replacing a desire for God with a lie.

2. God wants us to live in power

- a. God can do more than we can even imagine (Ephesians 3:20).
- b. Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit (Zechariah 4:6).
- c. My words (rhema) are spirit and they are life (John 6:63).
- d. Jesus gives us an abundant life (John 10:10)
- e. God gave David a feast in the middle of his enemies (Psalm 23)

3. Guard the treasure (the word of God)

- a. The Holy Spirit guards our hearts (2 Timothy 1:12-14).

4. Forgiveness is the prerequisite to the promise (Mark 11:25-26).

- a. Unforgiveness is the greatest obstacle to mountain-moving faith. It will filter every promise of God through the lens of bitterness, and it limits your perception. You only see the hurt and not the promise.
- b. Unforgiveness is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.
- c. Roots of bitterness (Hebrews 12:15)
 - i. You don't always know roots are there until little saplings start springing through the ground. Similarly, issues that you haven't dealt with will keep coming back up unless you destroy the roots of bitterness.
 - ii. You can't grow new fruit in a place where there are roots of bitterness. You have to get the roots up first.

5. We need to watch what we say (Ephesians 4:29)

- a. We create a house of honor with edifying words, but negative words weaken the house.
- b. When we operate in honor we view others the way God sees them.
- c. We should speak what God says about others into their lives.