

## LIFE GROUP FALL WEEK 1- Faith.

# All Kids Matter

A SERMON SERIES  
ON PARENTING.



**Big Idea:** Real faith is resilient. Resilient faith comes as a result of understanding what it means to follow Christ, engaging in spiritual battles, and through faith training.

### Isaiah 7:9

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.

### Matthew 4:19

Jesus said, “Come, follow me.”

### Philippians 1:29

For it has been granted to you on Christ’s behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

1. What in your life is requiring faith and endurance right now? Share with the group how you can be intentional in trusting God with every aspect of this particular situation and show resiliency.
2. Which is easier for you to describe – what to believe or how to believe? Explain the difference between describing “what to believe” and “how to believe”. Why is a time of difficulty an appropriate time to ask not only what to believe, but how to believe?
3. How can we, as a community of faith, encourage one another to keep believing during difficult times?
4. Nothing hurts a Christian’s witness more than “advertising” Jesus and then living contrary to His teachings. Think of the American church for a moment. What mainstream thinking has the church adopted that promotes faithless, pleasure driven, wealth seeking,

and selfish living? In what ways does the acceptance of such thinking mar the church's reputation in the world?

5. In Sunday's sermon we focused on 4 areas of "faith training" that will help us develop a resilient faith (or pass on a resilient faith)

- Biblical instruction
- Respectfully defending our faith
- Learning to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Learning to love our brothers and sisters in Christ

- ◆ In what area would you say you are best "trained"? Explain.
- ◆ In what area would you say you need more training? Explain.
- ◆ In what area do you most often train others? Share how you train others in this area?

*Prayer Focus: This series of messages in "All Kids Matter" has been primarily focused on relevant topics for parenting. Take a moment to pray as a small group for parents at GBC and parents in our community.*

**Use the Scripture below as a reference for your prayers**

**Duet. 6:4-9**

*"Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.*