

# POOR VISIBILITY AHEAD

**ICEBREAKER:** Did you believe the snake was in the bag? Why or why not? How is that reflective of your relationship with God?

*The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1-3 NLT*

Abram does not know where he is going, what he is getting or who the God is that is blessing.

Abram must follow God on faith.

*...for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB*

## 1. WHAT IS FAITH?

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 NASB*

Faith is believing when you cannot see. It is making a decision based on trust.

**DISCUSSION:** Who is in your life that you trust without reservations? How do you know that they are worthy to be trusted?

**DISCUSSION:** Can you really trust God that way? How have you allowed God to show his trustworthiness to you like that other individual that you trust?

Faith is not foolishness - Faith is not absent of reason

## 2. WHY FAITH?

*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6 ESV*

Faith is the delicate process that God has selected to use in which human

beings can freely choose to know, love and serve him.

If God reveals too much of Himself, his mere presence violates our free choice.

**DISCUSSION:** What would happen to your faith if you were to see God face-to-face? If God could make us believe in Him would it really be faith?

**DISCUSSION:** What other things in your life do you struggle with that you can't see?

*I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus. It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. It said, "Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea." Revelation 1:9-11 NLT*

*When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. Revelation 1:12-16 NLT*

*When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. Revelation 1:17 NLT*

*We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 1 Corinthians 13:12 MES*

**PRAYER PROJECT:** Take 5-7 minutes and ask God to talk to you about a time when He did show you a piece of Himself and when you still choose not to believe Him. Talk to Him about the things that keep you from trusting Him and how are they currently playing out in you life right now?