

STARTER QUESTION:

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?

BIG IDEA:

Activate Your Faith Where It Matters Most

SUMMARY:

It's time to start talking about moving forward, advancing, living on mission, following God. There are 168 hours in a week, most of us come to church for 1 hour a week. That leaves 167 hours where God wants our faith to be activated. The 167 of your home, work, school, everywhere you go! We have been set apart from the world, for the world. We are a movement of hope for this broken, hurting world.

1. RELATIONSHIP OVER GATHERING

The weekly gathering is so important and supernatural. However, it is meant to catalyze your faith not to be a substitute for it. It's easy to have great faith for 1 hour a week. But like Matthew, you are called to be a disciple, learner, follower of Jesus in the 167 of your life (**Matthew 9:9**). Jesus' invitation to Matthew was not for 1 hour a week, it was for all of life. It wasn't about a gathering it was about a relationship.

Question 1

Do you remember when you first started following Jesus? How has the affection and attention of your heart for Jesus and the things of Jesus changed over time?

2. FAITH IN THE 167

You need your faith in the 167! Faith that is not active and alive in the 167 is dead (**James 2:17**). An inactive faith is a useless faith. A faith that doesn't work in the 167 of life, doesn't work. Jesus is life (**John 14:6**); when you don't invite Him into the 167 of YOUR life, you really have no life. Everything you need for the 167 is found in Him!

Question 2

How is your faith in the 167? Are you trying to live your 167 without Jesus? What does it look like when your faith is active in the 167?

3. ACTIVATE YOUR FAITH

It's hard to go from 1 hour a week to 167. But you can go from 1 to 2 – and then 2 to 3! Taking one next step at a time, you will be amazed at how far you will go into the 167 of your life. So how do you do that?

Active faith is:

1. **Being aware of His presence.** God is with you and for you.
2. **Receiving His grace.** Not just for forgiveness of your sins, but for the transforming of your life.
3. **Seeking more of Him.** A hunger and thirst for righteousness.
4. **Submitting to His Lordship.** Obeying what He asks you to do, even when you don't want to.
5. **Engaging in His mission.** The divine purpose for your life.

Question 3

How can you activate your faith during the 167 in the above areas?

PRAYER MOMENT:

In closing as a group pray aloud together, **"Jesus, I invite you into the 167 of my life."**