



Part #1: Where do we start?

Introduction:

Everything begins somewhere. You had a beginning. Your marriage had a beginning. Your education, working life, parenting and much more, all had beginnings. We forget that faith also begins somewhere. Everyone's experience is different, but everyone's faith had a beginning.

Questions to consider & share

1. The book of Genesis starts with 3 words "In the beginning...". What does this tell you about our natural world in which we live, and God's involvement with us?
2. Share a story about a friend, family member or situation that has influenced the way you view God.
3. When in life did you think or feel that life was much bigger than just you and your own world? What thoughts went through your mind?
4. When Paul told a whole lot of varying philosophers in Athens that the god they were seeking brought His Son Jesus back from the dead, there were two distinct reactions. Some scoffed, and some wanted to hear more. Both are reasonable reactions. What is your initial reaction when you hear this?
5. Describe the beginning of your own faith journey.
6. How do you see faith now?

Next Step...

The starting point for faith, especially the Christian faith is not just to simply believe in the Bible, but to wrestle to the ground, the answer to one key question: "**Who is this Jesus?**". The beginning point for faith is not figuring out the myriad of questions we all have, but this one question about Jesus. Because if Jesus is the Son of God and rose from the dead, that changes everything about our life and about the world we live in.

Paul told the listening philosophers that God is calling all people to 'repent' (Acts 17:30) which simply means to change the way you think. What changes in your thinking need to happen in order to see clearly what God has done for us?