Part #7 Faith

Introduction: The ability to believe and project into the future is the most powerful ability that humans can leverage. Everything that has ever been invented, or done in history, for good or bad, was because one person thought that it could be or should be done, or a problem could be or should be solved. And they did it.

Faith or belief is therefore part of being human. So what makes Christianity so different from any other belief? Is there something special?

Questions to Ponder:

Ice Breaker: What things do you do on a daily basis that shows that you have faith in people or things? (eg. Brake pedal in your car, prescription from the chemist.)

1. Did you find parts of this message disturbing? If so, which parts and why?

2. Think of a belief – religious, political, family, marriage, raising kids etc - that you hold to. In what ways do you look for evidence to support that belief? In what ways do you filter out evidence that contradicts that belief?

3. Read some of the early sermons preached in Acts (eg Acts 2:14-41; Ch 6; 17:22-31). The summary headings go something like this: "You killed him"' "God raised him"; "We've seen him"; "Say you're sorry." How does this message set Christianity apart from other "faiths"? How might this challenge your picture of the Christian faith?

4. Most people who think about Jesus focus on his teachings, or his death and resurrection. How might the way you think about Jesus be influenced by either of these facets.

Next Step:
Everyone has to answer the question: **Who is Jesus?**   How would you answer that now? What do you have to do to respond appropriately to that decision? How can your connect group help you on whatever journey you choose?

Reflect
"Because He has fixed a day when He will judge the world righteously (justly) by a Man Whom He has destined *and* appointed for that task, and He has made this credible *and* given conviction *and* assurance *and* evidence to everyone by raising Him from the dead." (Acts 17:31 AMP)