



WEEK ONE | DECONSTRUCTING DECONSTRUCTION

In all honesty, this series is a tough one right out of the gate for a new season. The foundation for a lasting faith in God is solid. The problem is that we are not so solid. We're emotional, stubborn, open, closed, hurt, joyful, lost, and learning just to name a few. God doesn't delude us into thinking faith is easy. It is most certainly not easy. No, it isn't easy, but we're not left alone to figure it out or fade away. God created a community to do life together that is open to all. We are not alone.

GETTING STARTED

For some groups it's been almost two months since being together. Catch up for a minute. What's been going on?

Did you have a life plan when you were in your 20's?

- How has that turned out so far?
- How has it changed?

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do people deconstruct their faith and what does that even mean?

What is a faith "crisis" or time of questioning you have been through?

- What caused it?
- What was the result?

Read Mark 4:1-20 (Parable of the Sower)

How do you think Christians should deal with teachings that bring ridicule by culture because they are seen as unloving and cruel?

What more could or should believers do to help those struggling when life situations conflict with Christian faith? Here are some examples...

- **Why does God allow suffering?**
- **Why won't God just heal my loved one, so they won't die?**
- **Why are churches so unfair to women?**
- **Why does it matter who you love? (Culture has changed)**

Read Mark 4:24-25

Jesus is getting to the heart of the matter when it comes to strong faith. It is the heart and the will of a person to listen and believe.

Why do you think some people want to listen and believe while others struggle or don't want to?

APPLY IT

What is something you can do to help someone questioning faith because of culture, pressure, hurt, bad choices, etc.?

What role does patience, love, and understanding play in the effort?

P R A Y

Nothing will make you feel more like a community than this time. Share your joys, your burdens, your victories, your fears. This is the place to do it.