



***Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!***

*Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.*

**Message Info:** Same You, Little Faith, 2/5/23 - Small things can make a big difference. A smile. A “thank you.” The final piece to a puzzle. Sometimes the absence of that little thing is detrimental. Be encouraged; maybe the thing you need this year is something really little, like small faith, placed in a really big God. (*Passages: Matthew 17:14-20, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:1, Mark 9:23*)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

What is something small, that if missing, has a big impact? Do you have any stories that illustrate this? For example, a key is very small, but without it things can get messed up fast!

Read Matthew 17:14-20. What stands out to you about this passage. Why?

The disciples, Jesus’ closest followers, were missing that little key: faith. They were probably copying exactly what they’d seen Jesus do. But the problem wasn’t in the following, it was in the belief. They didn’t believe Jesus when He said they could do it. What do you struggle to believe that Jesus says? Maybe a certain promise?

On the contrary, the boy’s father did demonstrate faith. Even after the disciples were unable to cure his son, he still sought healing because he believed Jesus. How can you be more like the father?

You can do all the right stuff (attend church or bible study, be a church member, listen to praise music, read your bible, etc) and still be missing the real thing. If you do all those “right” things and still feel lacking, switch your focus from what you’re doing, to your heart and your faith. What area can you live more by faith and less by sight?

Even if your heart’s cry is “help me in my unbelief,” that’s enough. God knows you can’t do it all on your own. Bring Him what you have, openly and humbly, because “everything is possible for one who believes,” Mark 9:23.

**Group Challenge:** Find a step of faith that you can take this week. Remember to think small!