

**FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**  
**Week #4: How is Our Faith Different From...?**

1) Last week you identified some religious habits that you have that had lost their meaning, and you made some specific commitments as to some specific steps that you would take to refocus those habits. How is that going?

\*\*If you did not meet last week, consider these questions from last week instead:

*1a) What are some of the common religious habits and practices within Christianity today that have lost their meaning and purpose (or at least have for some people)? In other words, what are some areas where people are just going through the motions?*

*1b) Have any of your habits or practices lost their meaning? In other words, are there any that you do merely to "please God" or because "that's what you are supposed to do?"*

*1c) What are some specific steps that you can take to refocus those habits on their intended purpose? Make a commitment to take those steps before the next time you meet with your group.*

**Read Matthew 16:13-18**

2) What is significant about Peter's confession in these verses?

3) What is the implication of Jesus saying, "I will build my church"?

**Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-6**

4) Write your own brief summary of the most important elements of your faith in Jesus Christ. Try to do this in 2 or 3 sentences. Imagine yourself telling a friend about your faith, saying, "If you remember only one thing, remember this..."

5) Share your summary with your group and discuss.

6) Read through your summary. Now add 1 or 2 sentences that describe how those basic elements of the faith have changed your life or are currently changing your life. i.e. "This is how my life is different because I have devoted myself to these truths..."

7) Share what you wrote with your group and discuss.

8) The end result of this exercise is essentially the gospel message and your testimony. Make a commitment to share what you have developed with at least one person this next week.

*Take time to pray for one another.*