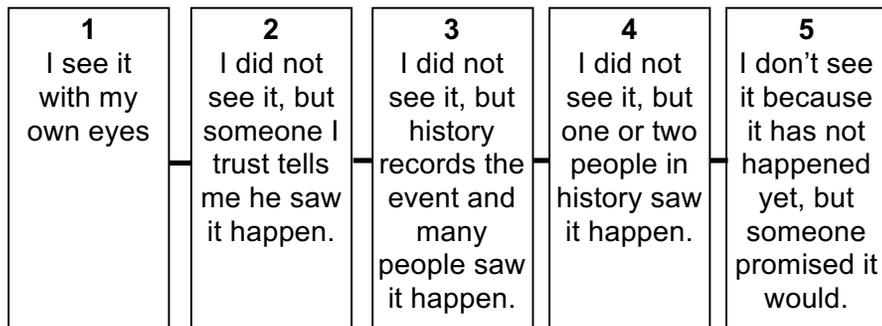


Faith is Hopeful Waiting

Jeremiah 33:15-16 Hebrews 11:1 John 14:1-6

1. Do you tend to be more of a “take it on faith” or a “show me” person?

2. Continuum of Believability



3. “Faith is the _____ that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.” Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

- Faith is _____.
- Faith is _____.

4. For what were the ancient Hebrew people waiting?

*“The entire Old Testament is the story of God saying, ‘Trust me.’”
– Andy Stanley*

5. At the core of Jesus’ teaching and work is the word _____.

- According to the gospel of Mark, what was the content of Jesus’ first sermon? (Mark 1:15)
- When Paul, the first and greatest interpreter of Jesus, articulated the essential Christian message, what took center stage?

- The pillars of reformation theology teach that are saved by grace alone, through _____ alone, in Christ alone as revealed in the Word alone.

- Faith is at the core of what it means to be a Christ follower and we invite people into a relationship with God based on _____.

6. What do we learn from Jesus’ teaching on faith in John 6:1-14?

7. What is the basis of our faith?

- Where is this basis found on the continuum of believability?
- What does it mean that we have an apostolic faith?

8. Where is our faith lived out?

9. When it comes to Jesus, where are you on the continuum of believability?

Hopeful Waiting Prayer

Lord, I believe in you, but I ask you to help me in my unbelief, in my doubts. Even though I did not see the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, I am learning the reports of the apostles who did see Jesus. I (believe, trying to believe, do not yet believe) those reports. Help me to more deeply trust those reports. We have not yet seen Jesus come to take us home, so this is sometimes more challenging to believe. Help me believe it more deeply. Lord, in the next few days, send me a sign that I can see with my own eyes that will help me to trust in you more strongly. Amen.