Praying in Faith
Mark 11:20-25

Faith, as Jesus talked about it, is much more than mere intellectual belief. It is a level of engagement with the spiritual reality of God that activates His very _____ within us as believers.

Discussion 1. When we measure our faith in terms of God's power at work within us (rather than mere intellectual belief), how does that change the conversation about faith? How does it change how you "measure" your own faith?

"Faith that moves mountains" has nothing to do with our will or with our own selfish desires; it is about growing in our understanding of _____ _____ _____ and praying in that direction.

Discussion 2. If faith is about understanding God's perfect will, does that mean we should not talk to God about what WE want? How do we reconcile the idea of being honest with God about our heart's desires with the idea of praying in line with His will?

Saying "in Jesus' name" at the end of a prayer is not a magical incantation assuring us of the success of the prayer. Rather, when it is heartfelt, it is a way of acknowledging our surrender to _____ _____ _____ as opposed to what we want.

Discussion 3. How do you check your heart to make sure you are fully surrendered to what God wants? Is it a regular discipline for you, i.e., a regular part of your prayer time? Why is that important for us as Christ followers?

Never underestimate the seriousness with which God views unforgiveness. How dare we not forgive a brother/sister when God has already forgiven us for so much more? It is an eternal truth: an _____ _____ cannot pray effectively.

Discussion 4. Do you think it is even possible to fully accept and understand all the forgiveness God has extended to you and yet NOT be willing to forgive others? Do you believe the two are necessarily tied to each other?