

Chapter Three

Faith

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. In your experience, how do your friends and associates primarily define faith?
2. How would you define faith?
3. How has your life and the life of your friends been influenced by the two different definitions of faith?
4. Has your concept of faith changed at all after reading the section “What is Faith?”?
5. Why would our understanding of faith make a difference?
6. What is the difference between “objective faith” and “subjective faith”? What examples do you see of each?
7. Where are you exercising faith in your daily life, apart from “religious” faith?
8. Where might practicing engineers use faith?
9. What position do you hold regarding faith, learning, and reason?
10. Why do the authors claim that Biblical faith is “reasonable faith”?
11. What evidence would you point to in claiming that the Christian message is true?
12. Do you identify with any of the faith heroes in Hebrews 11? Why?
13. Can you think of others in the Bible who exercised faith based on some evidence?
14. Other than the Bible, what else encourages you in your faith?
15. What do you do when you feel doubts?
16. How have you dealt with faith-reason issues?