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Observations

1. The ability to _____ is the most powerful force at our disposal.

²² Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. ²³ I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.

Mark 11:22-23 (NLT)

2. We constantly look for _____ to support what we believe to be true.

3. Belief is easy to maintain within a community of _____ belief.

4. The ability to believe is one of God’s greatest _____ to humankind.

5. _____ belief is simply belief applied to things of a religious nature.

So, why should you be a Jesus-follower?

• When Jesus died, those closest to him _____ that he was dead

¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept

them from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?” They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days.” ¹⁹ “What things?” Jesus asked. “The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel.

Luke 24:15-21a (NLT)

• But when they hit the streets here was their message:

- You _____ him
- God _____ him
- We’ve _____ him
- You must _____

He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Acts 17:31b (NIV2011)

- The _____ for the Christian faith is:
 - We believe that something happened.
 - We believe that Jesus was crucified for our sin and God raised him from the dead.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Acts 17:31b
- Get to know Jesus better by reading the testimony of those eye witnesses found in the New Testament.
- Be open to Jesus by exploring the eye witness accounts or by reading Case for Faith by Lee Strobel.
- Believe that Jesus died for my sin, was raised to life so I could have life and is calling me to repent and follow him.