The Anatomy of Faith
You: Rejoicing in the Work of Christ
May 30, 2010
Romans 5:11

Self-disclosure Questions/Icebreakers
Share a recent story that reflects either joy or freedom that you experienced as a result of your growing faith and confidence in Christ.

Scripture – Romans 5:1-11

Suggested Prayer
Heavenly Father, thank you for the great salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ. Every one of us experiences this salvation differently. Father, speak through your Word today, ministering to our hearts, drawing us to Christ, to depend--not on the strength of our faith--but on Him. Amen.

Sermon Take-Away – **If you need/want to review it, Pastor Colin talked about…**

1. Christians have different degrees of faith
2. Christ deals with weak faith gently (and so should we)
3. Christians are saved, not by the strength of our faith, but by the strength of our Savior
4. Assurance of faith is to be desired and pursued
5. Assurance of faith will make you more fruitful in serving Christ
6. You cultivate assurance by drawing near to Christ

What was your take-away from this week's sermon?

Discussion Questions – Choose as few or as many as you'd like.

1. Where have you recently seen someone demonstrate a faith greater than yours?

2. Share a time in the last month or so when someone was gentle with your weak faith, or you struggled to be gentle with someone else's weak faith. What happened?

3. When are you tempted to lean more on the strength of your faith?

4. When your confidence is low, where do you turn to find assurance of your salvation?

5. If your life continues on the same trajectory, what kind of harvest do you expect?

6. On a scale of 1-to-10, (1=not much, 10=severe), how much do you doubt your faith?

Suggested Closing Prayer

Father, you are stronger than our faith. Our salvation is secure in Christ. Thank you that He is able to present us without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish on the last day. As we turn to Christ and away from ourselves, grow our faith, whether weak or strong, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Consider praying in the group (or in private) with someone who's really struggling with assurance. Help them apply the promises of Scripture to themself.