



## Part 5: Crisis of Belief

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

### INTRODUCTION

When God invites you to be involved in His activity, He wants to reveal Himself to you and to a watching world. Therefore, He will give you a God-sized assignment. When you are confronted with such a task, you'll face a crisis of belief. You'll have to decide what you really believe about the God who called you, and the way you respond to God will reveal what you believe, regardless of what you say. Following God requires faith and action. Without faith you cannot please God. And without action, your faith is dead (see James 2:26)..

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your own word, define *crisis of belief*. Share your experience of having one.
2. Read Mark 4:35-41
  - a. What impressed you most about this event?
  - b. Read v.40. What did Jesus expect the disciples to do through his questioning? When facing a crisis of belief, it is important to look at God's past faithfulness. Share how God has been faithful to you in the past?
  - c. Read v.41. When facing a crisis of belief, knowing *who* you believe (having the correct object of your faith) is important. How does the disciples' question reveal what they believe about Jesus Christ?
  - d. If Jesus hadn't been woken up, what do you think will happen?
3. Encounters with God are God-sized and it requires faith and obedience. It may mean moving to a new country as a missionary, or forgiving someone you can't forgive.
  - a. What God-sized assignment do you think God gives you that requires your faith and obedience now?
  - b. How can this LINK help you with your crisis of belief?

### MOVING FORWARD

When faced with a crisis of belief, God wants you to respond in faith and obedience.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

The object of your faith is more important than the size of your faith. The Bible never just says, "Believe." It says "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." The Bible never just says, "Have faith." It says, "Have faith in God."