Ignite Your Faith – Week 2

Announcements

Water Baptism (LCC) – Sunday, July 21st | 7pm at Francos in Mandeville. In order to participate in water baptism you need to complete the water baptism class on Monday, July 15 at 7pm in the LCC Worship Center. Register at churchoftheking.com/register.

Small Group Week of Serving – July 13–20, 2013. Wrap up the summer semester by serving those in need. Bring your group together, find a need and meet it! Your small group will never be the same.

401 Small Group Training – Sunday, July 28, 2013 | 5pm at LCC Studio345 | Learn how to connect people of our church and community into life giving relationships that help them grow in their walk with God. Register at churchoftheking.com/register.

Warm-up

What images and emotions come to mind when you think of a mountain?

Most of us flat-landers here in the Gulf South remember the first time we gazed in awe of a mountain. But to early pioneers, mountains represented a formidable barrier, an obstacle to overcome on their journey west. Today, we'll be studying how to ignite our faith to overcome mountainous obstacles.

Word & Application

Read Mark 11:22-24. Jesus loves to move the mountains that stand between where we are and where we could be. In this passage, Jesus gives us ingredients of mountain moving faith.

What stories of mountain-moving faith have inspired us?

In verse 22, Jesus said, "Have faith in God," and Luke 12:32 says, "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." What is it about God that we can have faith in?

We can have faith because we know His nature – He loves to give us His will as shown by His Word. When we base our faith on His word, our faith moves from the realm of "I hope so" to "I know so".

Based on Mark 11, what actions does Jesus want us to take to ignite our faith?

When God's word gets in our heart, we will stop talking *about* our problems and start talking *to* them. Our words ignite our faith to release God's explosive power.

Read Romans 4:18-21. What obstacles in your life cause you to feel like Abraham did?

What key aspect of God ignited Abraham's faith?

Whatever your obstacles are, faith is not denying the problem; faith is saying my God is bigger. Faith affirms the promises of God's word.

Read James 2:18-20. Sometimes we are waiting for a move of God when it might be that God is waiting for a move of man. If we do what we can do, God will do what we can't do. What practical actions can we take to start moving the mountains of our lives?

Often, we think our greatest need is for God to solve our problems, when our greatest need is learning to trust God as our source.

Prayer

Pray for our level of faith in God to grow as we encounter Him when facing the problems of life.