

## **Crisis Of Belief**

### **Small Group Study Questions**

#### **Opening Question:**

If you could instantly become an expert at any skill or hobby, but had to give up your favorite possession to do so, would you? Why or why not?

#### **General Observation:**

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Was there anything that surprised you or challenged your thinking?

#### **Understanding the Message:**

2. The pastor discussed the story of the rich young ruler. How would you summarize this story in your own words? What was the main point Jesus was trying to make?

3. According to the sermon, why is it often easier to "work for God" than to "know God"? How might this play out in someone's life?

4. The pastor said, "What you do in response to God's invitation reveals what you believe about God." What do you think he meant by this? Can you think of any examples from your own life?

#### **Personal Application:**

5. The sermon emphasized that we often need to "give up to go up" in our relationship with God. Is there anything in your life that you sense God might be asking you to let go of or surrender? How does that make you feel?

6. The pastor talked about how wealth and possessions can become idols in our lives. How do you personally struggle with trusting God with your finances? What makes it challenging?

7. Think about a time when you took a step of faith and trusted God with something difficult. What was that experience like? What did you learn from it?

#### **Action Steps:**

8. The pastor challenged the congregation to consider taking the "1% Challenge" in giving. What is one practical step you could take this week to grow in generosity or financial stewardship?

9. Is there an area of your life where you need to exercise more faith? What is one small action you could take this week to step out in faith in that area?

#### **Sample Prayer:**

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love and grace in our lives. Help us to trust you more fully, even when it means letting go of things we hold dear. Give us the courage to take steps of faith and to surrender any idols in our hearts. Show us how to experience you more deeply and to align our lives with your purposes. May we be willing to give up whatever is necessary to go up in our relationship with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.