



September 18th-24th, 2011

# Leap of Doubt

## Is Christianity Harmful to the World?

Doubt is not a bad thing. At least it doesn't have to be. Doubt can lead us to ask great questions and seek great answers. Doubt can drive us closer and deeper into Truth. Doubt can lead us to greater faith. We are taking a leap of doubt, asking some tough questions and seeking solid answers. Let's make this leap of doubt lead us to firm landing on an even more solid faith.

o Sunday 9.18.11		<b>Acts 2.42-47</b>
o Monday 9.19.11		<b>1 Peter 3.13-18</b>
o Tuesday 9.20.11		<b>Isaiah 58.1-7</b>
o Wednesday 9.21.11		<b>Amos 5.18-24</b>
o Thursday 9.22.11		<b>1 Thessalonians 4.1-12</b>
o Friday 9.23.11		<b>2 Thessalonians 3.1-15</b>
o Saturday 9.24.11		<b>Psalm 40</b>
o Sunday 9.25.11		<b>Acts 4.1-35</b>

*As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:*

.What does this passage teach me about God? What do I notice? What does it teach me about myself? How does my practice of my faith and my view of the world need to change, according to what I've learned from this passage?

**\*For further study read chapter 4 in Tim Keller's book *The Reason for God*.**

## Discussion Questions

.How would you answer the charge that the church is judgmental and full of hypocrites?

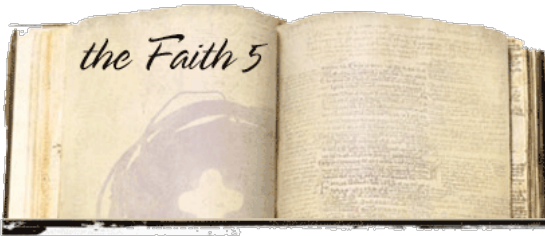
.Think about and discuss examples of people from the Bible who are thought of as great or important figures, but who were also broken or flawed in some way. What does this teach us about God? What does this teach us about ourselves?

### >>READ>> Ephesian 2:8-9

.Explain why God's grace is essential, and why it is so confusing for non-Christians (and Christians) to understand.

.In his book *God Is Not Great*, Christopher Hitchens argues that "religion poisons everything." Many people believe that religions like Christianity inevitable lead to violence and oppression. How do you respond to this statement?

.What do you tend to do when you read a text in the Bible that you do not immediately understand and who's meaning offends and/or upsets you? What advice would you give persons who experience this same thing?



*Share* your highs & lows of the day

*Read* the Scripture in the Bible

*Talk* about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

*Pray* about your highs & lows, family, world

*Bless* one another

## Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 2.46-47

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Micah 6.8

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 58.4

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John 4.1

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 12.2

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 15.5-6

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Mark 10.43-44

**Blessing:** May others see the love and goodness of Christ in you.

