

The Confidence Gap

Study Guide - Week Three: Clarity

How can we have hope when what we had hoped for does not come to pass? How do we find clarity when we are surrounded by confusion? This fear of the future and the unknown can easily discourage us. However, God is often taking us on a journey of growth and development.



We can often feel like the two men on the road to Emmaus from this week's message.

Read Luke 24:19-27. In this study, we will discuss how allowing God to change our viewpoint can transform our internal struggle into an external ministry.

What Do You Think?

- Have you ever been confused about what to do and needed to hear from God, but weren't sure what He was saying? Were you getting no direction, or were competing voices making it difficult to hear His?

- In your experience, how does confusion or lack of clarity stifle hope?

“While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.”

Luke 24:15-16 (ESV)

What Does God Say?

- Confidence Booster: By being transformed, I can test and discern God's will.
Read Romans 12:2. In order to know God's will, we must first break free from the confines of our human way of thinking. What does it mean to have your mind renewed? Has God helped you make this kind of transformation? What difference has it made?

- Confidence Booster: God has given me everything I need for life and godliness.
Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. Being transformed is not something we do to ourselves; it is something God does in us. What does it mean to be a “partaker” or “participant” of God's divine nature? How does this create confidence when we face the unknown?



“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,” 2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

- Confidence Booster: Supplementing my faith with action means I can always be effective. **Read 2 Peter 1:5-8.** The renewing of our mind must flow out into practice to be fruitful. Discuss the list of characteristics from this passage. Have you seen the Holy Spirit develop any of these in your life? Are they dependent on one another? How can they inspire hope when you feel lost?

- Confidence Booster: My internal struggle can become an external ministry. **Read Romans 12:3-8.** Whether you are in a period of confusion right now, or have had your breakthrough moment of clarity, the goal is that we look for ways to experience and share hope. Examine the list of gifts in this passage. Which do you think you may have and how can you exercise them in a way that brings hope to you or others?

What Will You Do?

- To know God’s will we must be transformed. What are some steps you will take to experience greater transformation (continual growth) and discern God’s will for you?

- The men on the road to Emmaus ran to tell the others about Jesus after they had their “bread-breaking moment.” God intends for these moments to spark encouragement. Share an experience you have had where God gave you clarity after confusion or frustration.

- Are you, or someone you know, losing hope because of the unknown? How can the group pray specifically that clarity would come and hope would rise?

