

## Discussion Guide for "Faith" Elemental Week 2

According to Hebrews, Faith is the "reality of what we hope for." How can we experience the reality of what isn't real yet? A life of faith is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus, who Paul calls the "first fruits" of those who will be raised. Faith is living now as if God's promises are already true.

## **Scriptures for Further Reading**

1 Corinthians 13:13
Psalm 30:25-32
Mark 4:35-41
1 Corinthians 15:35-58
Hebrews 11:1

## **Questions for Discussion**

- 1. "Faith is the reality of what we hope for and the evidence of what we don't see." What do these paradoxes tell us about the nature of faith?
- 2. How is a life of faith like the relationship between seeds and fruit? Why is this difficult?
- 3. Read the story in Mark 4:35-41. How do the disciples exhibit a lack of faith?
- 4. Share a time you have struggled to live by faith. Why is this so hard?
- 5. What does it look like for you to live by faith this week?