

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

Grace for the Cynic  
September 13, 2015  
John 1:43-51

- 1.) Brian said, "Cynicism flourishes when God's kindness is measured by our experiences in a broken world." How would you define cynicism?
- 2.) In what situation do you recall feeling like the "Little Dutch Boy" holding everything together while everyone else says the water will flood the city anyway?
- 3.) What circumstances or seasons of your life have been most characterized by doubt or cynicism? Why do you think that was the case?  
  
HINT: The "why" could be both negative (our own sin) or positive (recall that God uses pain and cynicism to point us to hope in him!).
- 4.) Read Genesis 28:10-17 together. What promise did God make to Jacob? How does Jesus give Nathanael hope with the same promise in John 1:51?
- 5.) How does remembering God's promise to be with us being fulfilled in Jesus encourage you in your doubts and cynicism? What helps you remember that God is at work even when you don't perceive it?
- 6.) How did the celebration of the Lord's Supper strengthen your faith in a God who is faithfully present in your life and faithful to all his promises to you?



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