

I. Because We Believe Video1 Study sheet

A. Where did you first develop faith?

1. Think about what you do because you believe. Record the most important one in the space below.
2. Why do you believe?
 - a) Who is the person who influenced you most in your faith?
 - b) Was there a situation or time when your faith was tested?
 - c) How does our current situation compare with that time?

B. You can decide what you believe.

1. When did you know for sure that you believed what God says?
2. Who else do you usually believe?

C. Matthew 21:23–27 (ESV)

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

1. Why were they reluctant to tell Jesus what they believed about John?
2. Why didn't Jesus answer their question about authority?
3. Make a list of the things you have decided you believe in your life.
4. Why is it hard to believe what we have decided?
5. Who else influences your decision to believe?
6. What are some new things you have decided to do because you believe?