

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North / English Ministries
Discussion questions for the sermon "Journey of Faith" on 8/21/2011

Our whole life is a journey of faith. On this journey, we will encounter many things that will put our faith in God to the test. Our faith in God either gets refined and becomes stronger or becomes weaker and gets destroyed. Very often these tests come to us during times of transitions, when we encounter changes in life.

1. Can you identify any transition our church is currently going through? Do you think that is a good transition or a bad transition? Explain.
2. Read James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 1:6-7. According to these two passages, why do you think God allows transitions to happen to us?
3. In this sermon, Pastor Jeff shared three things we can do to cope with transitions: (1) accept the reality of the transition; (2) make proper adjustments based on the transition; (3) trust God and move forward.
 - a. Which of these three things is the easiest for you and why?
 - b. Which of these three things is the most difficult for you and why?
 - c. In light of the current transition in our church, where are you in this process of coping?
4. What are your concerns about our search for a new pastor? Read Matthew 6:25-34 and Romans 8:32. How can you apply these two passages to your concerns about our current transition?
5. What do you look for in our new pastor? Read 1 Timothy 3:2-7. What does God look for in a pastor? Is your list of what to look for in a pastor the same as God's list?
6. End this time with prayer. Pray that as we go through this transition as a church, we will learn to trust God in the process, experience His provision, and come to know Him even more.