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Registration Materials

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And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. (1 Corinthians 15:14)

Doubt. We confess to being poor, miserable sinners every week, but it can be hard to confess to wondering if there's even a God who exists to listen at all. Doubt crept into the apostles' hearts, but we're afraid of what it means if we find it in our own. The devil sets a trap to leave you feeling alone, cut off from the Christians around you who don't seem to struggle like you. What if it's not real?

Jesus isn't just some guy. He died and then didn't stay dead. That's our hope. You can even prove it. God gives us verifiable Scripture that can be traced and upheld through history. You just can't by your own reason or strength believe it. So He speaks to us, doubting hearts and minds that can't quite help but question.

The same thing is the core of our hope and our worldview: the resurrection. Because it's real. The gospel proclaimed by the Spirit to our hearts is something God dares us to question with our minds. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, we are above all to be pitied. So test it. There is evidence. This is the defense of the faith that defends you. It's called "apologetics." Your hope is rooted in a historical event, not in your own reason and strength.

O Ye of little faith, why did you doubt? It isn't a challenge. It's a call to be the one Jesus pulls from sinking waters. Like Peter. This is where you start to find your identity and belonging. You're not cut off from Christ in this doubt...If you must doubt, doubt boldly.

We'll tackle a faith that isn't a fairytale, and we'll prove it. Beyond reasonable doubt.

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Pre-registration Instructions

Regarding Deposits & Balances

Non-refundable deposits of \$150.00 per person may be made at any point during the registration period to ensure your group's admission to a conference should it reach capacity. In other words, if the maximum number of people begin the registration process for a given conference, those who have paid deposits will be given priority over those who have not, regardless of the date they started the process. Deposits will only be refunded for a cancellation if there is a waiting list for that conference at the time of the cancellation.

Please remember that per-person rates are determined by the date your group's registration fees are **paid in full**. Checks mailed to Higher Things will be processed according to the postmark date. Unpaid balances and new registrations on or after May 1 will be charged an additional late fee of \$50.00/person (\$525/person total). An additional fee of \$25.00 will apply for substitutions made on or after May 1. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.

Each non-refundable deposit includes an annual membership to myHT Gold. In this online space, Higher Things works to make the same great teachings you experience at conferences available all year.

Pre-registration Steps

- Distribute individual registration forms to all youth and adults attending the conference with your group.
- Set a date when completed individual registration forms and deposits must be returned to the group leader. Each registrant must complete a registration form and have it signed by a parent (if applicable), the group leader, and your church's pastor. Please use the information in the completed forms to register your group online and keep the completed form for your records. This form will also permit minors to travel with the group out of state to attend a Higher Things conference. *The completed forms do NOT need to be turned into Higher Things.*
- DO NOT mail forms to Higher Things. Doing so will delay the completion of your group's registration. Please register your group online.

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Registration Timeline

| Date | Registration Event |
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| November 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early-bird discounted registration opens. (\$450.00)• CCV application process opens. |
| February 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration rate increases to regular registration rate. (\$475.00) |
| February 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCV application process closes. |
| March 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCVs notified regarding acceptance. |
| April 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final balances due (including day before/after and private rooms).• All cancellations must be made by this date or groups will be responsible for the full registration fee. |
| May 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registrations made or paid on or after this date are considered late and will be charged an additional late fee. (\$50.00/person)• All substitutions made on or after this date will incur a change fee (\$25.00)• No refunds given on or after this date.• Your myHT Gold subscriptions go live. |
| May 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All t-shirt sizes must be up to date• Deadline to register to stay the night before or the night after the conference |
| June 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waitlist procedure changes (if applicable). |

Group Leader Checklist

Registration

- ☐ I understand the registration deadlines and fees below:
- Non-refundable deposits of \$150 per person may be made at any point during registration to ensure your group admission to a conference should it reach capacity. However, the per-person registration fees above are based on the date your group's registration fees are **paid in full**. Partial payments (including non-refundable deposits) do not "lock in" your registration rates. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.
 - Refunds will no longer be given for cancellations (including no-shows at conference check-in), and a \$25 change fee will apply to substitutions made on or after May 1,

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2023. As of May 1, 2023, new and unpaid registrations will be considered late and will incur an additional late fee of \$50/person (\$525/person total).

- The online registration system will state that the final payment is due in the fall after the conference season is completed. *This is a product of the system's retention of your credit card information and is not the case.* You must be paid in full by April 30, 2023, or you will incur a late fee. All payments are due absolutely no later than the start of the conference.
- ☐ I have received individual registration forms for each person in my group with all the appropriate signatures. Each individual also has a unique email address.
- ☐ I have noted any registrants' special needs, medical conditions, and/or disabilities, particularly those that will affect housing assignments or dietary requirements (not dietary preferences), while at the conference.
- ☐ I understand that I, as the group leader, will serve as the primary contact between Higher Things conference staff and my group, and I am responsible for sharing information with the individual registrants of my group and their parents/guardians.

Housing

- ☐ I have read and understand the Higher Things Registration and Housing Policies.
- ☐ I have registered everyone according to the age they will be at the time of the conference.
- ☐ I understand that requested private rooms will incur a charge of \$50/night per room and that a private room does not guarantee the use of a private bathroom.
- ☐ I understand that my group may stay on campus for an additional day before and/or after the conference for an additional charge of \$50/person/night (housing only).
- ☐ I understand and have explained to all youth and adult registrants in my group that if our group does not fill a room or suite to capacity, a registrant from another group (of the same sex and age category) may be assigned to share that room and/or suite.

Chaperones

- ☐ I have recruited the appropriate number of chaperones for my group.
 - One (1) male chaperone for every seven (7) boys and one (1) female chaperone for every seven (7) girls in your group. They are (or will be) at least 21 years of age at the time of the conference.

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- If you cannot recruit the necessary number of chaperones for your youth to attend a conference, we will assist you in finding other groups from your area who might be willing to share their chaperones with your group.
- ☐ I understand that Higher Things does not provide chaperones during the conference and that I, with the other chaperones in my group, am responsible for my group's conduct and supervision during the conference. My group's chaperones are aware of their responsibilities to the youth of our group.
- ☐ I have made plans and budgeted funds to complete necessary background checks and any other requirements for chaperones in my group to attend the conference.

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