

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Faith, Doubt, & Everything in Between: Amazing Faith

LUKE 7:1-10 | APRIL 26 & 27, 2014

This week we return to our study on Luke with the fresh memory of Easter on our minds. Holy Week focused on the person and work of Jesus culminating with the “Cardboard Testimonies” that highlighted Jesus’ work in the specific lives of people in the church. The story of the centurion from Luke 7:1-10 helps us to see how one man experienced Jesus in a powerful new way through faith.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

When have you been “amazed” at someone else’s faith?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What was the reasoning the Jewish elders gave when trying to persuade Jesus to help the centurion? How persuasive do you think that really is to Jesus? Explain.

What is the difference between Justifying Faith and Sanctifying Faith? Is it possible to have just one of these in your life?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

What was it about the centurion and his faith that amazed Jesus?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

What things have caused the greatest faith growth in your life? Are you still growing?

How can the centurion's words in verses 7:6-8 become a model for shaping our prayers to Jesus?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Hebrews Chapter 11 – “The Faith Hall of Fame.” Pick 3 of the people mentioned for their faith and look up their story elsewhere in the Bible. Do you agree that their life shows great faith? What do you understand about building your own faith through the people you looked up?

GRADUATE LEVEL

Go to (<http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/kjv/pistis.html>). After reading about the Greek word for “faith” (pistis), click on the word “Luke” from the “verse count” column on the right. This will show you the 11 uses of this word in Luke. What patterns or ideas develop about how Luke sees faith? Who are the people who get noted for faith? What do they have in common? Any surprises for you?

ON YOUR OWN



MEMORIZING

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who come to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)