

Luke: Journey to Jerusalem
 “Marvelous Faith, Marvelous Savior”
 Luke 7: 1-10

Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.” – Hebrews 11:1-3

“How do we apply the Word of God to daily life? Ask two questions: What is your current struggle? What about God in Christ connects to this? Bring one bit of Bible to one bit of life. You can’t say it all at once. Ministry, like life, goes one step at a time.” – David Powlison

“What strengthens faith? Secret prayer; close dealing with your conscience over the blood of the atonement. How is faith strengthened? By being much exercised with the object of faith!” – Rev. J.H. Evans

Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:

- What from the Scripture passage or the sermon made an impression upon you? Do you have unanswered questions about the passage?
- What is God showing you about Himself and yourself in this passage?
- The previous passage in Luke 6: 46-49 recounts and illustrates a convicting question from Jesus, “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”
 - How does the account with the Centurion tie in with this question from Jesus?
 - Are there places in your lives you are saying “Lord, Lord” but not connecting the dots to action or obedience? What's the struggle in those instances? What's the encouragement?
 - What's an instance or struggle recently that has caused you to shape your life around the Word of God? What has happened as a result of putting yourself under the authority of Jesus?
- What was so unique or impressive about the faith of the Centurion that it caused Jesus to marvel?
 - Is such faith attractive to you? Is such faith realistic, sustainable for you?
 - How do you want to grow in faith? How does that actually happen?
- What are the roots and genesis of the Centurion's faith?
 - Where did your faith in Christ come from?
- Why is it crucial that we not only examine the quality of our faith but also grow in our estimation of the object of our faith?
 - How does that take place?
 - What does a healthy interplay of self-examination and marveling at Jesus' trustworthiness look like?
- What is unique, beautiful, attractive about Jesus in this passage?
 - Where are you seeing more clearly or more vividly who he is and what he has done?
- We receive a key picture of the Gospel for the nations/world - not merely Israel. How does that encourage you and convict you?