

Walking by Faith Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. If you had to survive for a month on a deserted island (think Survivor) and you were allowed to have one person with you, whom would you choose and why?
2. As a child, did you enjoy any sort of games or role playing that involved your imagination? Explain.

Read the following passage: Luke 7:1-10.

Jesus is amazed by the faith of an unnamed centurion who appealed to Jesus to heal his servant. This centurion is a reminder to us that God has called us to live by faith. In fact, in another place (Mark 9:23), Jesus made the remarkable statement that “Everything is possible for one who believes.” Jesus is not suggesting that our sheer will-power can enable us to achieve anything we put our minds to. Rather, everything is possible for those who believe because God is the object of our faith, and nothing is impossible for God.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. “Believe in yourself” is a nearly universal mantra in our cultural context. Why do you think this adage has such appeal to modern men and women? Contrast this life principle with genuine biblical faith.
2. Some people describe faith as a “blind leap.” Explain why this is a poor description in the case of biblical faith. What would you say to someone who claims there is no evidence for the Christian faith?
3. Explain why “trust” is a good synonym for “faith” in the case of biblical faith.
4. Read Psalm 33. How do you see the psalmist’s faith being strengthened through his act of worship?
5. Explain how moral compromise can weaken our faith.
6. What should we do when our faith feels weak?
7. As you consider your own walk with Christ, what has most helped you grow in faith? What can you do to grow in faith in this season of your life?

Pray