



# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# 8TH

## SEPT 2017

### GREAT FAITH TRUSTS ABSOLUTELY

**READ | Matt 8:5 – 13**

The Roman Centurion recognized the Lordship of Jesus Christ. He also recognized the power and authority that Jesus' Word had. The Roman Centurion's faith was really only tremendous because he considered the object of his faith powerful.

**ASK |** What does it mean to really recognize the Lordship of Jesus Christ over your life? Why is it hard to simply take God at His word and believe in the power and authority of His Word? Share some practical suggestions about growing in fully recognizing Christ's Lordship over your life and believing in the power and authority of His Word.

## **GREAT FAITH GOES BEYOND OURSELVES**

### **READ | Luke 5:17 – 26**

The friends recognized that their paralysed friend had a need that only Jesus could meet. But they didn't just believe that Jesus could heal him. Their faith was marked by taking action (carrying their friend all the way to Jesus) and persistence (digging a hole through the roof to get through the crowd).

**ASK** | What actions has your faith taken lately? On a scale of 1 – 10 (with 1 being passive and 10 being persistent) what is your faith's persistence level? What are some practical ways to build up a persistent and enduring faith?

At some point in our life we will all either be the paralysed man or the friends who carried him to Jesus. Is there someone in your life needs you to help "carry" them to an encounter with Jesus? PRAY in faith and agreement with each other for boldness to not just believe but also to take action and persist.

## **GREAT FAITH ASKS BOLDLY**

### **READ | Acts 4:23 – 31**

What a powerful prayer the early church prayed in the face of great challenge. They were specific in what they asked for: (1) boldness to speak God's word, (2) for God to stretch out His hand to heal and (3) for signs and wonders to be done in the name of Jesus. They believed and asked and THEY GOT WHAT THEY PRAYED FOR!

**ASK** | What are you boldly asking God for? Who are the people God is prompting you to boldly proclaim His word to? Is there anyone you know who is ill? Ask God with boldness to heal them. And stir up your faith once again to believe for God to work signs and wonders during this season in our lives, families, city and nation.

**PRAY** | Pray for each other and any challenges or needs you may be facing. Pray for the evangelistic rally with Ps Philip Mantofa, that many souls will be saved, that there would be a great outpouring of God's spirit on our brothers and sisters from the interior. Pray for God to move in signs and wonders that will point people to Jesus. Pray believing, and pray with boldness! Our faith is entirely dependent on Jesus and the work He accomplished on the cross. Our part is to continually learn how to surrender our lives wholly and completely to God. May we as a church all grow from Little Faith to Great Faith!