

## Home Group Questions - March 17, 2019

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1. Share a time when you heard about something that was so crazy, spectacular, or strange that you initially wondered whether or not it was really true.
2. Read Luke 7:1-10 with your group
  - Why is Jesus amazed at the Centurion's faith?
  - Why does Jesus say "even in Israel" in verse 9? What is his point?
3. Now read Luke 7:18-23 with your group. As you read, notice the contrast between this story and the story we just read in verses 1-10.
  - What are the differences between the actions of the Centurion and the actions of John?
  - Do these verses help us understand the faith of the Centurion any more?
4. Though Jesus says in verse 28 that "among those born of women there is no one greater than John", John does seem to have a moment here in chapter 7 where he is having some doubts. We know that John was in prison at this time. Perhaps he was wondering why Jesus hadn't freed him from prison. Or perhaps Jesus wasn't doing the things he had expected him to do. Whatever the case, John began to doubt if Jesus really was the promised Messiah.
  - Read over Jesus' response to John in verses 22-23 again.
  - Why does Jesus respond this way? What is he challenging John to do?
5. Can you think of a time in your life when it was difficult for you to believe in any of the promises of God or in Jesus himself? What was it that made it so difficult to have faith at that time?
6. Jesus challenges John to look at the evidence to support his faith. He basically says, "John, you know what the scriptures say about the Messiah. You see what I am doing. Judge for yourself based on the evidence."
  - What piece of evidence about Jesus from scripture is most convincing to you?
  - What evidence from your own life has Jesus given you to help you believe?
7. Pray for those in your life who have trouble placing their faith in Christ.