

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW TO GROW YOUR FAITH
The Gospel of John — Week 17

ICEBREAKER: What kinds of movies do you most enjoy? Why?

OVERVIEW: The Christian life can be summed up in one word: faith. Without faith you cannot please God, you cannot know God, you cannot love God, you cannot obey God, you cannot seek God, you cannot pray, you cannot serve, you cannot love, you cannot be generous, you cannot endure difficulties, you cannot put up with difficult people. With faith you can overcome any obstacle; you can scale any wall; you can move any mountain; you can resist any temptation; you can endure any hardship; you can wait for any amount of time; you can finish any race. In this discussion we will go deeper with the sermon and learn how to strengthen our faith in God.

1. **Read John 4:46-54.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What does this story teach us about problems in life?
3. Jesus rebuked the royal official for his weak faith. How was his faith weak? What are some other signs of weak faith?
4. Considering the signs of weak faith, how does your faith need to grow?

5. What caused the royal official's faith grow?
6. Read Hebrews 11:1. What is faith?
7. Read Hebrews 11:6. Why is faith so important?
8. Read Hebrews 11:24-29. What did Moses' faith enable him to do?
9. Read Hebrews 11:26. What did Moses have faith in that enabled him to sacrifice and endure so much?
10. Read Hebrews 11:27. Where did Moses, a shepherd, find the courage to resist Pharaoh, the most powerful man on earth at the time?

The Last Word: "In walking with God, a person will only go as far as he believes, and no further. His life will always be in proportion to his faith. His peace, patience, courage, and works will all be according to his faith." J. C. Ryle