

BIBLE STUDY #2: HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITH?

HOOK:

1. Do you consider yourself to be a person of great faith? Why or why not?

BOOK: Read Mark 2:1-12.

LOOK:

2. List the main people/groups of people in this passage.
 - A. Individuals:
 - B. Groups:
3. Look at the actions, words, and attitudes of the different people or groups in this passage.
 - A. Men carrying the paralytic:
 - (1) What did they do?
 - (2) What was extraordinary about what they did?
 - (3) Why do you think they did this for the paralytic?
 - (4) What does this passage show us about these men and their relationship to Jesus?
 - B. The paralytic:
 - (1) What did he do in coming to Jesus?
 - (2) Do you think he shared the faith of the men who carried him? Why or why not?
 - (3) What was his response to Jesus' command? What does this tell you about him?

C. Teachers of the Law:

- (1) What was their response to what Jesus said to the paralytic?

- (2) Why did they respond the way they did? (Hint: knowing some background on Jewish law and customs will help you on this.)

- (3) How would you characterize their view of Jesus?

D. Jesus:

- (1) What do you learn about Jesus in His different response to different people here? (Go through each person/group mentioned.)

- (2) What claim was Jesus making by saying, "Your sins are forgiven"?

- (3) Why was this claim important?

TOOK:

4. What is your response to Jesus and His claims?

5. Do you identify with any of the above people/groups in your response to Jesus?

6. Do you have the faith of the men carrying the paralytic or do you doubt and question like the teachers of the Law?

7. What have you learned about Jesus from this study?

8. Has it changed your perspective in any way? If so, how?