

## Thy Kingdom Come: Kingdom Faith

### Reflect

1. What are some of the things that you believe in? (Bigfoot, democracy, capitalism, UFO's, love at first sight?)
2. Is there a person that you could say you believe in? If so, what does that mean to you?
3. In Church we proclaim something that starts with "I believe in." What is that called?

### Read Your Bible

- Hebrews 11:1
- Matthew 8:5-13

### Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What do you think of when you hear the word bold?
2. In what areas of your life would you say that you are bold?
3. Our Hebrews text tells us that faith is "confidence in what we hope for." What does it mean to have confidence in faith?
4. How confident are you about your faith?
5. "8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed." What about this statement did Jesus find so bold?
6. What is more important, the amount of our faith or the object of our faith?

7. Faith is less about believing that we will get what we want if we believe and more about allowing God to use us so God will get what God wants.

## **Conclusion**

Name it and claim it! This is a dangerous statement and there is a whole bunch of poor theology that teaches folks that if you just believe enough or have enough faith, then God will act on your behalf. Which really puts us in the seat of God and makes God subject to us and that's wrong. Faith is a gift from God and without question it is the object of our faith that matters more than the amount of faith that we can muster up ourselves. The more we exercise our faith, the more we use our faith, the more we place ourselves in places where our faith can be nourished, the more confident our faith becomes. Faith is a matter of trusting God with our lives and allowing God to use us for God's sake. Faith is the gift that gives us a confidence and a peace that no matter what is going on around us, God is with us, within us and God is for us, Amen!

## **Pray**

Faithful God, we thank You for the gift of faith and for being trustworthy. Help us to grow in faith. Help us to gain confidence in our faith. Help us to hold tightly in times of unrest knowing that You are holding on to us. May we be a people of faith so that You may use us to share that faith with the world around us. In Jesus' name Amen.