



CommunityGroups

GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Promise Maker / Promise Keeper - Week 4

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS (approx 10-15 minutes)

**THE GOAL:** In this week's sermon you heard how David was promised that there would be a member of his lineage that would be king for eternity. David took God at His Word, demonstrated faith and trusted in the promise that he would never witness himself during his time here on earth. We also saw how this promise points to the kingship of Jesus in His eternal reign. This week in your CG you'll explore how we can demonstrate faith in God's promise for us.

*LOVING GOD* (approx. 10 minutes)

- **Memory Verse:** (Have a volunteer read out loud.)  
Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1
- 2 minutes of silence:
- **Devotional:**  
The connection between the sinner and the Savior is trust, not improvement of behavior. That comes later. It's this order that gives hope. "For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law" (Romans 3:28). The basis of this wild and wonderful hope (the ungodly justified) is "Christ for righteousness to everyone who believes" (Romans 10:4, literal translation). Through faith alone God counts the ungodly as righteous because of Christ. "For our sake [God] made [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Let all who are paralyzed by the weight of sin and the powerlessness to change turn in here. – John Piper
- **Question to consider:**  
Lord increase my faith so that I may be obedient in my living.
- 2 minutes of silence:

*BUILDING COMMUNITY* (approx. 20-25 minutes)

- **Growing Connected:**  
Question: When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- **Discussion:** Did last week's message encourage, challenge, or convict you?

*MAKING DISCIPLES* (approx. 30-35 minutes)

- Bible Study: Hebrews 11:1-3; 6 Luke 7:1-10 Roman Centurion. (Have a volunteer read the Scripture references out loud.)

Hebrews 11:1-3; 6

1. How is faith defined in these verses? How difficult is it for you to trust in things unseen?
2. In verse 6, what are we told we need to believe about God?

Luke 7:1-10 - Four keys to good Bible study are *Observation* (what is going on in the text), *Interpretation* (what the text saying), *Correlation* (relating the text to other parts of Scripture with similar themes) and *Application* (applying the truth of the text to our lives).

These next few questions take us through a great Observation exercise by answering the "Wh" questions:

3. Who are the main characters in the passage?
4. What is happening in these verses?
5. Where does the event happen?
6. When does the event take place?
7. Why does it happen?
8. How does Jesus respond?
9. In verse 9, what is the significance of Jesus' response to the faith of the Centurion?

- Application:
  - As David and the Centurion both believed God for things they did not see, what is God calling you to believe Him for?
  - What is God saying to you through this week's Bible discussion?
  - How will you respond to what God is showing you?

• Going Deeper Resources:

- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-centurion-faith-that-made-jesus-marvel> - A short teaching on the significance of the faith of the Centurion.
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Roman-centurion.html> - A short article on the position of a Roman Centurion.
- Read Hebrews 11 to see what "the ancients were commended for."
- <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/2-samuel/> - A short video on the life of David based on the book of 2 Samuel.

PRAYER REQUESTS / TIME OF PRAYER