

Look Back:

Have you made progress on accepting God's grace to replace your "backpack" full of sins? How have you worked to answer some of your "but what about..." questions from last week?

Look Up:**Read [Luke 7:1-10](#)**

1. What do you think motivated Jesus to go help the slave? What motivates Jesus in your life?
2. From this example, what does it take to have amazing faith? What did the officer do to receive such strong words from Jesus?
3. This officer was possibly spiritual but definitely not religious. He had another perspective and it was authority. Does Jesus have authority over the struggles in your life?
4. Have you ever experienced a time when you've had an authoritative "God you can" faith like the Roman officer?

Read [Mark 9:17-24](#) and [James 1:2-6](#)

5. Have you ever experienced a time when you've had an "if you can" faith like the father in the crowd?
6. What does James say are the results of faith being tested? Who is changed in the process?
7. How is your faith being tested today? What are some ways in which you are handling the test?

Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

Look Ahead:

When was a time or circumstance that you struggled to believe? How do you deal with doubt in your life?

Notes

What you believe matters but we are increasingly living in a world that values the ability to believe whatever you want, regardless of objective evidence. There are all kinds of good reasons to believe what you believe. But when it comes to Jesus, is what you believe true? What you believe doesn't matter until it gets tested. Faith is revealed when your belief gets tested. How you respond in those tests reveal what you actually believe.