



## Life Group Notes: Tuesday 6th November 2018

### Choosing Faith and Trust in God

#### READ

##### Luke 5:1-9

*“So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. 3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. 4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net.” 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.*

#### INTRODUCTION:

The bible states that the righteous (men and women who are children of the Most High God), shall live by faith (Rom 1:17) and that without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:17). We also understand that doubting God, His Word or His promises may result in missing out on what God has for us (James 1:7). In following with some of the most recent sermons preached in King’s Church, we take time today to discuss further the importance of building up our {Most Holy} Faith and the practicalities of trusting God individually and collectively through the story of Luke 5:1-9.

Excerpts from last Sunday

- “We have got to live right as well as believe right...We have got to put our faith in Jesus...”
- “ Jesus wants us to put our trust in Him, put our faith in Him.”
- “The more you concentrate on trying to sort out your life, the more you will realise you can never sort it. Because only Jesus can sort it for you...Therefore, we need to put our faith in Jesus, whatever is going on in our lives today.”

~ Grayson Jones, King’s Church Cambridge, 28th October 2018 ~

### QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

Grayson Jones used Luke 5 last week to discuss why faith matters. What story from the Bible is the one that encourages you the most in relation to your faith in Jesus and why?

- 1) From reading v 4 -5 from Luke 5, can you explain how Simon Peter handled his disappointment?
- 2) In verse 6, Peter receives a supernatural outcome from a godly decision to obey and trust Christ in spite of revealing his feelings/frustrations from facing adversity(see verse 5).
  - a) Please, discuss the risk posed by mishandling our feelings/frustration in relation to obeying God’s instructions?
  - b) Please, discuss the rewards of learning to trust God from a position of suffering? Please, discuss in relation to Luke 5:5-6 but also 2 Pet 2:9a “...The Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials...”
- 3) Jesus instructed Peter to “Launch into the deep” and Grayson mentioned on Sunday that launching into the deep was only possible because Peter’s heart had been stirred up by the Word of Jesus and faith arose within him.
  - a) Please, discuss why we need to go deeper with Christ if we are to grow our faith?
  - b) What practical measures should you take to build your faith up/trust God more?

**READ FOR CLOSING** (Please, read the below as if it was one single statement.)

“...[God] remembers His covenants forever” (Psalm 105:8) “... and anyone who Trust in Him will never be disgraced” (1 Pet 2:6b). “Surely, none who wait for You will be put to shame...” (Psalm 25:3) “for no matter how many promises ...they are Yes in Christ and Amen”( 2Cor 1:20).