Commendable Faith

When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith" (Luke 7:9).

Sermon Questions

1. What is a centurion? _____

2. This centurion was a man of wealth, respect, and character. (Yes/No/Not Sure)

3. Jesus needs to be physically present to heal, which made this miracle so amazing. (Yes/No)

4. List the eight characteristics of the centurions faith that are observed in this passage:

    i.   A faith that comes through _____.

    ii. A faith in Jesus' divine _____.

    iii. A faith in Jesus' _____.

    iv. A faith that takes action.

    v.   A faith that sees oneself _____.

    vi. A faith that sees Jesus as _____.

    vii. A faith in Jesus' authoritative word.

    viii. A faith that Jesus was _____ by the Father.

5. Therefore we can conclude that commendable faith includes: (1) an accurate belief in who Jesus is; (2) an accurate belief in who we are in light of his worth; and (3) action.

6. How many crowds were in Nain to witness Jesus' next miracle? _____

7. A common pattern: Jesus _____, extraordinary things happen, crowds marvel in astonishment and the words and works of Jesus are made known.

8. If Jesus can give life to the dead, he can take _____ from the living.

9. This is supremely relevant because God has _____ his people!

10. What should be your response to Jesus?
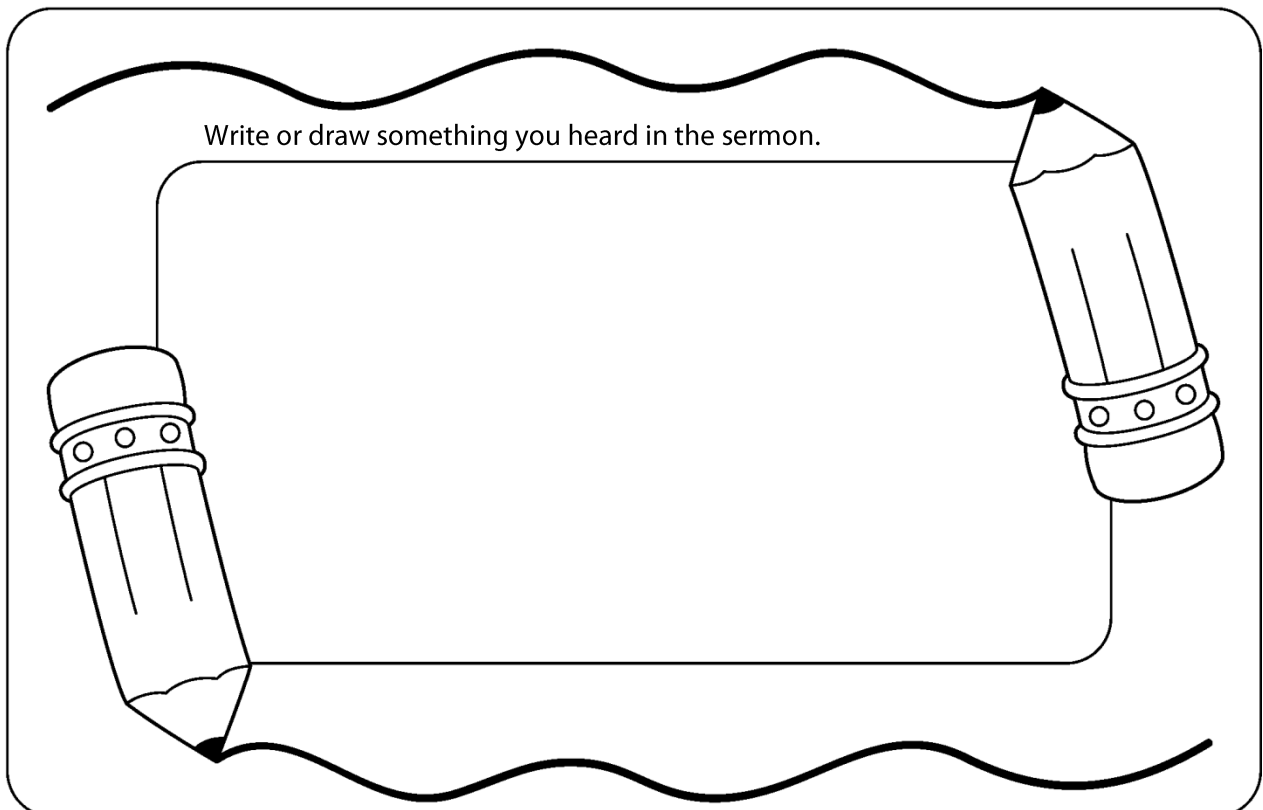
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Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. In what ways do we "hear the words of Christ" whereby faith comes (Rom 10:17)? Are you taking in enough of his words in the week to increase your faith? Is this an area of needed growth?

2. What strikes you as most commendable about the faith of the centurion? And what aspect of his faith do you find most challenging for yourself? Why?

3. Is it true that Jesus can only heal or help those who have faith? How would you support or explain your answer given these two accounts in Luke 7? Is our faith irrelevant to Jesus' ministry?

4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.