

Sticky Group Discussion Questions for Sunday, March 15, 2015

Christ's Victory Commands

Part 2 : "Be of good cheer ; your faith has made you well." (Matthew 9:22)

Today's sermon was the second in a 5-part series on Christ's victory commands. Just as the first command (Matthew 9:2) had to do with pardon, this sermon had to do with power. To start your group's discussion, think about and try to name the most powerful thing you have seen God do in your lifetime (either in your own life or in the world).

1. Read Matthew 9:18-26 and Mark 5:21-43, and spend some time discussing the following :

- What things stand out to you in this story ?
- Describe how desperate you think the synagogue ruler must have been feeling.
- Describe how desperate you think the woman in the crowd must have been feeling.
- How would a 12-year illness affect your faith in God ?
- What things does this story teach us about Jesus ?

2. God is omnipotent – all-powerful. Without this attribute he would not be God. Read the following verses about God's power, and discuss what his power means to you.

- Genesis 1:1
- Hebrews 11:3
- Job 36:22-23
- Job 42:1-6
- Isaiah 25:3-4
- Jeremiah 23:23-24, 29
- Psalm 11:4-7
- John 11:43-44
- Romans 1:4
- Matthew 28:18
- Ephesians 3:20-21

3. Five channels of God's power were mentioned in Sunday's sermon. Think about each one :

- How is faith a channel of God's power ?
 - What is faith ? (See Romans 4:20-21.)
 - How is your faith challenged by the people in the Matthew 9 story ?
- How are God's people (the church) a channel of God's power ?
- How is prayer a channel of God's power ?
- How are love and humility channels of God's power ?
 - How do you feel about being an "are not" (1 Corinthians 1:26-29) ?
- How is a day-to-day, year-to-year commitment to following Jesus a channel of God's power ?

4. If you were to hear the voice of the Lord Jesus himself saying to you personally at this moment, "Be of good cheer ; your faith has made you well," would it make a difference to you ? Pray over some seemingly impossible situations in your life and in the world. Ask God for faith, power, and victory.