

Questions for Study and Reflection: Reformation 500 **3: Faith Alone**

Warming up

Did you believe in Santa Claus or the Tooth Fairy as a child? When did you stop believing? (sincere apologies if you still do...)

Think through your day so far. How many times did you show faith in something or someone?

What struck you most about the Sermon from Sunday?

Reading the Bible

Turn to Matthew 8:5-13

Why is it considered improper for Jesus to come to the Centurion's house?

What do verses 11 and 12 tell us about what sort of people might have faith in Jesus?

Was the Centurion's faith strong enough to save his servant?

What does the passage tell us about the servant's faith in Jesus?

Going Deeper

'The resurrection of Jesus is the best attested fact in history'. Does being convinced of Jesus' resurrection, and the truth of Christianity, mean that it's no longer really faith?

Is believing something to be true the same thing as having faith? (see James 2:19)

Applying to our lives

What is the difference between 'faith in Jesus' and 'faith in my faith in Jesus'?

When we say the Creed (or affirmation of faith) on Sunday, do you prefer to say 'I' believe, or 'we' believe? What is the significance of this?