

Crumb-like faith
For the week of September 9 – 15

Prayer: That our faith might grow in God's Kingdom

Day 1: Mark 7:1 – 23

Three questions to ponder:

- Who is the primary target of this teaching?
- How might this teaching be 'updated' today? (as we think about what we know about infections, medicine, etc.)
- When have you guilty of verse 13?

Day 2: Mark 7:24 – 30 & Mark 1:21 – 28

Three questions to ponder:

- What is surprising about these passages?
- How are the healings different?
- What significances is there in the Mark 7 healing?

Day 3: Mark 4:26 – 34 & Mark 8:1 – 13, 17 – 21

Four questions to ponder:

- How does size play a role in Jesus' teaching?
- How might our perspective about faith need correction?
- How does the feeding of 4000 show God's Kingdom growth?
- Where have you seen God's Kingdom growth today?

Day 4: Matthew 14:22 – 36, 15:15 – 28

Three questions to ponder:

- How is the context of this story different in Matthew?
- What is Jesus saying about faith in these chapters?
- How are you encouraged in your faith by these texts?

Day 5: Mark 10:46 – 52

Three questions to ponder:

- What about faith is revealed in this text?
- As we consider the pleadings of the Phoenician woman and Bartimaeus, what might we say?
- How might we grow in clear, honest, heart-felt requests?

Further Reflection: If you were to give your faith / trust a grade, what would it be? Is your grade more dependent upon the above texts or from outside forces? What might deepen your faith?