

# Southwest Life Groups

A Place to Belong...A Place to Transform

*Focus:* To see the correlation between ones faith in God's power and the ground taken in the Kingdom of God.

**Introduction:** Many of us say we have faith that God is in control of our lives, but we spend much of our week trying to control our situations. In essence, we don't live like we trust Him.

- Discuss our need to be in control.
- Evaluate what that communicates about our belief in the sovereignty of God.
- Does God still do miracles?
- Do you expect them this week...if no, why not?

**Text:** It is so easy for us to do religious things without ever being with God. We could focus on so many good things but never really meet with Christ. We have spent the last few months talking about the environment we are trying to create so that disciples can be made, but do we really believe that God is going to work? Do we believe that this is more than just a good idea? Are we willing to move past words and do the hard work of believing that God will do amazing things?

- Choose a few of the following texts and read them...
- Examine the role faith has in Christ's ability to work.
- Assess the disciples' mindset as they watched all of this happen.
- Why did some sense his power while others did not?

Mark 2:1-5 (Jesus heals the paralytic)

Mark 4:35-40 (Jesus calms the storm)

Mark 5:25-34 (Jesus heals sick woman)

Mark 6:1-6 (Prophet without honor)

Mark 10:46-52 (Blind Bartimaeus)

## **Application:**

- What do you want God to do in your life? in your marriage? with your family?
- Do you believe it will happen?
- Describe the tension of trying to create the atmosphere of life without faith.(works-based theology)
- When you wake up in the morning, what are your expectations of God?
- Evaluate your faith in the power of God.

**Prayer:** What one thing can we pray for this week and expect to happen in your life?