

Taste And See

A Feast for the Faithful

Matthew 8:5-13

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Introduction: In 1 Peter 2:2-3, Peter's ultimate desire is for the church to have an insatiable appetite for the word of God. Just as a baby craves milk, so should Christians crave the living Word as well as the written Word. Spiritual growth and maturity is not an option in the Christian life, it should be our hearts desire to "grow into salvation". When Jesus called Peter to follow him, he promised that he would make Peter a fisherman of men. Peter accepted the call to follow Jesus, and for three years he became a part of Jesus' inner circle. Twenty-four hours a day he did life together with Jesus and eleven other men. He watched Jesus heal the sick, walk on water, feed the five thousand, make the lame walk, caused the blind to see, turn water into wine and had table fellowship with everyday people. In a real sense, Peter tasted that the Lord is good for himself.

Prayer: Father, thank you for this demonstration of humility of the centurion. Amen.

Read: Mathew 8: 5-13.

Review: Did last week change your view on forgiveness? If so, how?

Discussion:

1. What was most surprising about the centurion's request of Jesus?
2. How did the centurion respond when Jesus said he was going to heal the servant? What was most important in the centurion's response?
3. What do you think about the feast of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? See Revelation 19:9.
4. Who will not be at the feast of the faithful? Why?
5. What were Jesus's instructions to the centurion?

Application: This week, practice the faith of the centurion, as you are able.

Prayer: Father, we are grateful for the generosity of Jesus for all.