

# 30A.D.

THE JESUS STORY

**MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH**  
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**Faith Defined:** Hebrews 11:1 & 6

## **We Can Move Forward in Faith When...**

We strengthen our inner person through intentional time with Jesus. (vs. 10)

We move out of isolation and into serving others, even when it's not convenient. (vs. 11)

We're willing to offer whatever we can to respond to the opportunities God gives us. (vs. 12-15)

We live a life of complete dependence on Jesus step-by-step-by-step-by-step... (vs. 15-17)

- I will tell my LifeGroup (or others) about a step of faith I need to take this week.
- I will take a step of faith to give financially (above and beyond normal) this week.
- I will take a step of faith to serve in a new ministry area.



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**Lesson Aim:** *To discuss how Jesus calls His disciples to move forward in faith in the midst of inconvenience, uncertainty and doubt.*

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

**Ice-breaker:** What is something you like to do to “recharge”?

1. **READ Luke 9:10-17.** Why did Jesus choose to withdraw with His disciples? What do you think the discussion they had might have been like?
2. A key thought from Pastor Josh’s message Sunday was that to move forward in faith it’s important that we “strengthen our inner person through intentional time with Jesus.” When is it hard to do this?
3. There is no “one size fits all” approach to spending time with Jesus. Write down a few different ways you like to do this and why. Discuss the different approaches together.
4. What reasons might the disciples have given for why this was an inconvenient time to serve the crowds?

5. Share about a time when someone served you at a time that was inconvenient to them.
6. What did the disciples have to offer the crowd? Have you ever offered a small gesture to help someone that ended up being much bigger than you realized?
7. Approaching it from the other side, has anyone ever offered a small gesture to help you that ended up positively impacting you in ways far greater than they ever imagined?
8. In what ways did offering the food to Jesus and then serving the crowd require faith on the disciples part?
9. What faith step(s) do you need to take right now to “keep moving forward” with God?
10. **READ Hebrews 11 (yes the whole chapter!)** and write down the different ways it speaks to us about living with faith:

**Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.**

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at [theBridgeFresno.com](http://theBridgeFresno.com) by clicking on the “Messages” link.