

## A Simple Bible Study on "Believing"

John 1:7; 1:12; 1:50; 2:11; 2:22-23; 3:12; 3:15-16; 3:18; 3:36; 4:21; 4:39; 4:41-42; 4:48; 4:50; 4:53; 5:24; 5:38; 5:44; 5:46-47; 6:29-30; 6:35-36; 6:40; 6:47; 6:64; 6:69; 7:5; 7:31; 7:38-39; 7:48; 8:24; 8:30-31; 8:45-46; 9:18; 9:35-36; 9:38; 10:25-26; 10:37-38; 10:42; 11:15; 11:25-27; 11:40; 11:42; 11:45; 11:48; 12:11; 12:36-39; 12:42; 12:44; 12:46-47; 13:19; 14:1; 14:10-12; 14:29; 16:9; 16:27; 16:30-31; 17:8; 17:20-21; 19:35; 20:8; 20:25; 20:27; 20:29; 20:31.

### Chapter 4 ( 4:21; 4:39; 4:41-42; 4:48; 4:50; 4:53)

TITLE: Believing Through the Testimony of Others

**John 4:21** Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

- Who is believing? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who else was witness of this scene? \_\_\_\_\_
- Exactly [WHY] is she [NOT] believing? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did she later believe? \_\_\_\_\_ Where in the Bible?: \_\_\_\_\_
- What happened after she believed? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is omnipotence the only reason she believed (v.22)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Joh 4:39** And many of the Samaritans of that city **believed** in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I *ever* did."

**John 4:40-42** So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. (41) And many more **believed** because of His own word. (42) Then they said to the woman, "Now we **believe**, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

- How did *the people of that city* hear about believing ? \_\_\_\_\_
- What can be said about humility in this passage and *believing*? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why did the people say they *believed apart* from her? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why was it easier for these to believe?

**John 4:48-53** Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means **believe**."

(49) The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" (50) Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man **believed** the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. (51) And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, "Your son lives!" (52) Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." (53) So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself **believed**, and his whole household.

- Why are *signs and wonders* not a requirement for believing? \_\_\_\_\_

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- What does this passage teach about faith “from a distance” *believing*?

- Why could this be called a more significant way to *believe*?

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- What does *his whole household* indicate about his *believing*? \_\_\_\_\_

- What other questions can you think of that could be asked about *believing*?

- List them below and give an answer that can be shared next week:

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Could you explain salvation to someone like Jesus did to this woman or this nobleman?