

## RECOMMIT

Recommit 2 Faith  
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- Open in prayer.
- May we recommit to faith in Jesus.
  - *When He entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that He was at home. 2 So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and He was speaking the word to them. 3 They came to Him bringing a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4 Since they were not able to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him, and after digging through it, they lowered the mat on which the paralytic was lying. 5 Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: 7 "Why does He speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"* Mark 2:1-7 CSB
  - 1. Based on what Pastor Derwin taught, what is "faith"?
    - a. Read Gen 15:6 and Hebrews 11:1-3 and 8-10. How do you see faith described in the life of Abraham? What was the outcome of Abraham's faith?
    - b. Hebrews 11:10 gives us the description of a city. What makes this city different and more special than any other city? How does this stir your faith?
- Jesus chose Capernaum as His headquarters because His hometown of Nazareth was filled with unbelief.
  - *When He entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that He was at home.* Mark 2:1 CSB
  - *When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was enraged. 29 They got up, drove Him out of town, and brought Him to the edge of the hill that their town was built on, intending to hurl Him over the cliff. 30 But He passed right through the crowd and went on His way. 31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath.* Luke 4:28-31 CSB
  - 1. Why is Nazareth filled with unbelief?
  - 2. Read John 4:43. What does this passage tell us? Why do you think this would happen in someone's hometown?
  - 3. Have you experienced this in your own life (think family, workmates, the places you know the best and are known)? Is it easy or difficult for you to share your faith with these people or in these places?
- May we hunger to hear the word of God!
  - *2 So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and He was speaking the word to them.* Mark 2:2 CSB
  - *So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.* Romans 10:17 CSB
  - *And now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all who are sanctified.* Acts 20:32
  - 1. Based on Romans 10:17 where does faith come from? Who does faith come through and why is this important?

2. Read Col 1:4-6. What does hearing + faith produce? This passage also teaches us that it's not good enough to simply "hear" the word, but we need to also do what? (Hint: V6b). Why is this important?
  3. Sometimes it's easy for us to hear something and take it for granted. How can you fight against this tendency when it comes to God's word?
  4. As a group, discuss how you can continually develop a "life of worship" to include a passion to hunger for the word of God.
- Faith causes us to bring people to Jesus.
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Mark 2:3-4 CSB
    - 1. Pastor Derwin referenced the story of the paralytic man and his friends who brought him to Jesus. Imagine being those friends. What do you think compelled them to bring the paralytic man to Jesus? What did they believe (have faith) that Jesus could do?
    - 2. Who are the people in your life who seem to be "paralyzed" in their faith? Like the friends of the man in Mark 2, how are you being compelled to act upon your faith?
    - 3. Read James 1:22-23. What does this passage tell us is required of the believer of Jesus?
    - 4. Notice that "hearing" is the beginning that leads us to "doing" by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. How can you take the next step of simply "hearing" to "doing"? Based on what James says what's the danger of not doing this?
  - Never forget that Jesus, Who is eternally God the Son, wants to eternally heal us.
    - 5 *Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."* 6 *But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: 7 "Why does He speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"* Mark 2:5-7 CSB
    - *Finally, I confessed all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone.* Psalms 32:5 NLT

**Soul-tattoo:** Who are you tearing the roof off for so they can meet Christ?

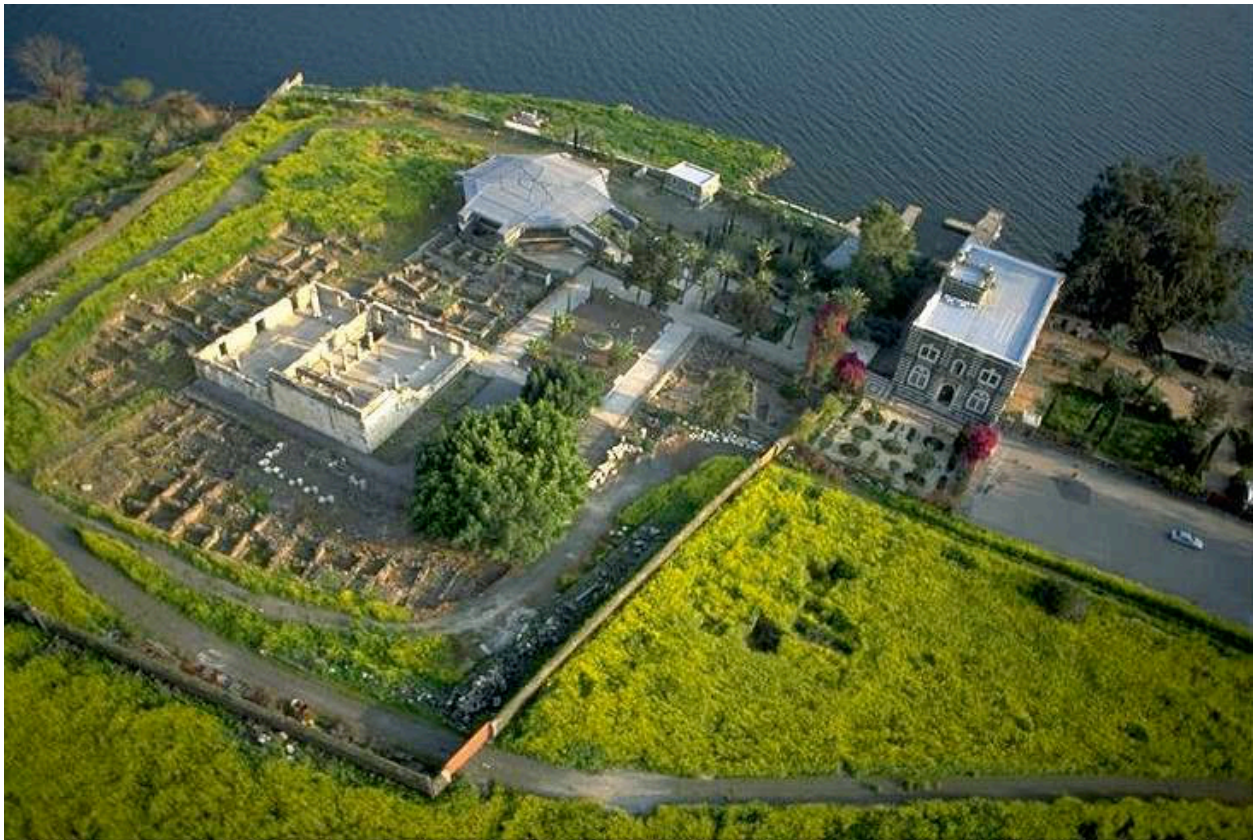
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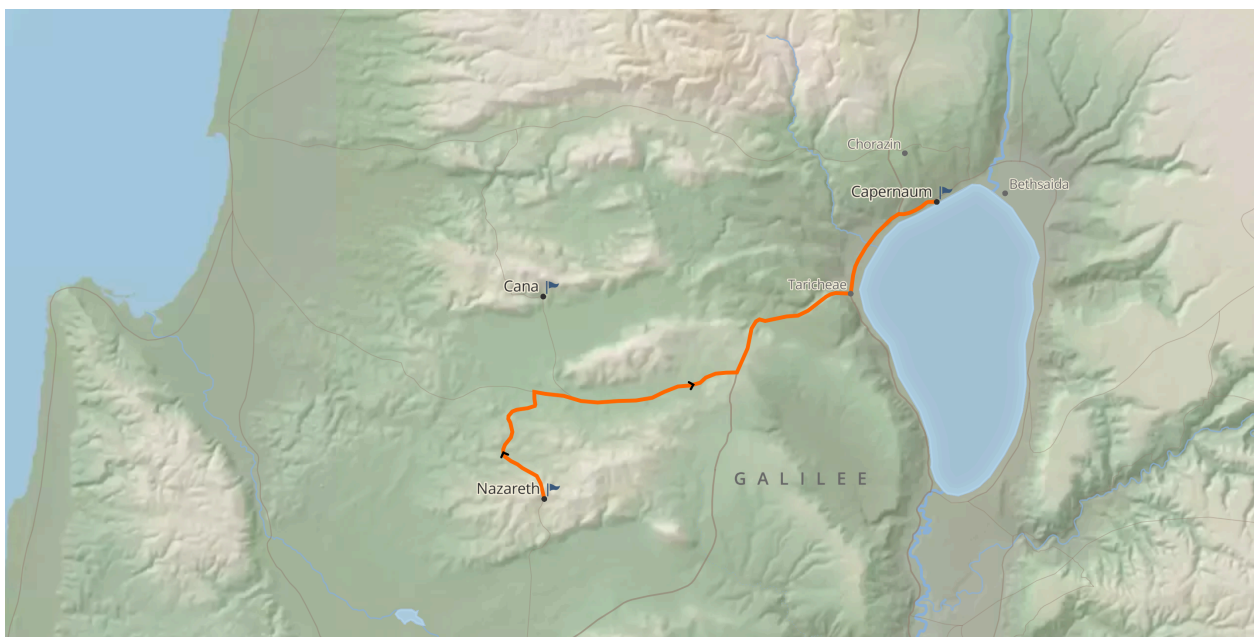
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How To Read the Bible: (<https://blog.logos.com/2017/01/keys-effective-bible-study-interview-n-t-wright/>)

**Additional Study Notes:**



Capernaum is a city located on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee. Matthew refers to this city as the home of Jesus (Matt 9:1). It was a small city but was attached to the road that connected it to the larger region of Damascus. The synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) refer to Capernaum as least 16x.



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