An Invitation to Faith

Each of these Gospel accounts emphasizes the necessity of faith in Jesus. Read the account assigned, and then answer the questions at the bottom of the handout.

Matthew 14:22–33 Matthew 15:21–28 Mark 2:1–12

Mark 4:35–41 Luke 18:1–8 Luke 18:35–43

John 10:22–42 John 20:24–29

Summarize the story or event in a few words.

Is there a particular character who stands out as having great faith? Or, as not having faith? Are there characters who seem to be bystanders, not making a decision one way or the other?

How are the reasons for having faith portrayed in this story or event?

What reasons (if any) are given for a lack of faith?

What is the attitude or request of Jesus in this story or event?

As a Christian reader of this Gospel story or event, what are you being asked to do?