

LIFEgroups

Open

Go around and let everyone answer.

Share a time when you were amazed by the way you saw Jesus work in a situation in your life.

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How does listening to these testimonies impact your faith?

Read: Matthew 8.5-13

Jesus is impressed by the faith of this non-Israelite and notes that exceeds all those in Israel. He notes that there are many "outsiders" that have more faith than those who should have the greatest faith.

What made this centurion's statement of faith so impressive?

Why do you think this non-Jew demonstrated such faith?

This man's faith was so boldly demonstrated that Jesus stopped to point it out and then perform this instant, remote miracle.

How do you think our faith can affect the way we see Jesus at work in our lives?

What are some things that can blind us to seeing the power of Jesus at work in our lives?

APPLY

What is something that has held back your faith or challenges it now?

Close with a time of prayer for growth in faith and trust in Christ.

Leader Notes

Big Idea

Jesus's amazing miracles, and especially His miraculous healings, were an iconic part of His ministry on Earth. Jesus is still at work today and as we grow in our walk with Him, we become more aware of continued work.

A Note About The Guide

Often times the opening question is a light hearted, low risk started meant to get discussion going and everyone involved. This week's guide begins with an opener that allows group members to testify to God's good works. Since testimony is key part of faith building, don't be afraid spend a large portion of your discussion on these testimonies. The rest of the guide has been designed to allow for this time and meant to build on these testimonies.

While everyone should be encouraged and given the opportunity to share a story, you may have those in your group that are just now coming to know Christ. They may not know what to share at this time but will likely be encouraged by the stories shared. Help them enjoy the experience without feeling like they have to share.

Finally, if you have children in your group, you may want to consider having them sit in on this part of the discussion.