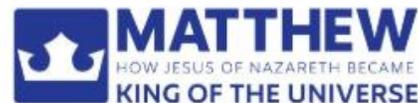


LIFEgroups



OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

How do you know if someone believes in you?

DIG

Read Mathew 9:18-26

Have someone retell the story

Vs. 18: It would have not been dignified for this ruler to kneel and plea before Jesus. When have you seen someone approach Jesus with such desperation?

Vs. 22: Jesus uses a tender term when responding to this woman, "Daughter." Why is it significant that Jesus uses this loving term?

How does the term "daughter" connect the two stories in the passage? (vs.18, 22)

Read Mathew 9:27-34

Have someone retell the story

What were these men saying about Jesus by calling him "Son of David?" (2 Samuel 7:12-13)

Consider the question Jesus asks in verse 28. Why do you think he would ask such a question?

Read Matthew 9 verses 2, 22, and 29.

What is this chapter communicating to us?

According to this chapter, how does Jesus know if someone believes in him?

APPLY

Consider what the synagogue ruler asked Jesus to do. Do you also trust Jesus with the impossible? What "impossible" task will you request of Jesus this week?

Consider what the ill woman did amongst the crowd. How can you "fight the crowd" and reach out to Jesus this week?

Leaders

Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series from the Gospel of Matthew. This series focuses on Matthew's message of establishing that Jesus is King over all.

Big Idea

This lesson focuses on relationship between faith and God's power.

Group Discussion Reminder

These discussion guides typically follow the same topic or scripture passage that is used in the Sunday morning sermon at North Boulevard.

If your group enjoys reflecting on details of the sermon, you might ask each person to tell something they remember from the message. Make sure to do this in a way that engages any person who did not personally get to listen to the sermon.

Such a sermon discussion could take the place of the "open" discussion questions. If the group spends a lot of time reviewing a sermon, be sure to end the time with questions from the "apply" section because groups exist to help us live out the message.

