



Life Group Discussion Guide
Conversations with Jesus
Jesus and the Centurion – Matthew 8:5-13

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Main thought: Properly placed faith provides peace.

Outline

1. The Person (vs.5)
2. The Petition (vs. 6)
3. The Position (vs. 7-9)
4. The Proclamation (vs. 10-12)
5. The Power (vs. 13)

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- How did the Living Water quench your thirst this last week?

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

- Share a time where you needed someone with a little more authority.

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10 and discuss the following questions.

- What is so amazing about the fact that this centurion requested help from Jesus?
- What did the centurion understand about who Jesus was?
- Why do we tend to put more faith into systems and structures than into the ultimate authority and power of Jesus? Would Jesus marvel more at your faith or at your unbelief?
- What did Jesus do to heal the servant? If it is Jesus' words that carried the power, what does that mean for us?



Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

Read John 14:6-14 and discuss the following questions.

- According to Jesus, where did His power, words and authority come from? Why is that important?
- Why did Jesus say we will do the same works He has done and even greater works?
- Why do we struggle to believe that we will do greater works than Jesus and live it out? Why are we hesitant to ask for anything?
- What is the ultimate goal of us doing the works of Jesus or asking Jesus for anything? How do we get that twisted?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Have you submitted to Jesus' power to forgive your sins and give you a new life?
- What are you placing your faith and trust in?
- God's Word gives both peace and power, how are you making it a priority in your life?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*