

Life Group Discussion Guide

AMAZED

Matthew 8:1-13

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INTRODUCTION

You may have prayed for someone this week—prayed for healing, for a crisis to be resolved, for peace and comfort for the grieving or for those who’ve endured this week’s brutal storms. Why didn’t you help that person get well, resolve that crisis, comfort the one who was grieving or help rebuild homes that were destroyed?

Even if we can offer physical help in these situations, prayer will be the best thing we can do. Our faith in God’s answering our prayers not only helps those we’ve prayed for, it also blesses us.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Think back. What ride, ticket, item or experience have you stood in line for the longest? Tell the group about it. Was it worth it?
2. Tell the group about someone in your life who you’ve had a lot of confidence in (fellow teammate, parent, commanding officer, boss, etc.). Why did you have a lot of confidence in them?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Matthew 8:1-4. What did it mean to be a leper in Jesus' day (physically, socially and spiritually)? Why is it amazing that Jesus touched this man when healing him? Why did Jesus want him to be certified by the priests?
2. Read Matthew 8:5-13. Why is Jesus' offer to go to the house of this Roman soldier a big deal? What does Jesus' willingness to go to this man's home reveal to you about Jesus?
3. How does this gentile centurion with little to no knowledge of Jesus have such incredible faith? Where does this come from? Why is Jesus astonished or amazed by him?
4. The leper did it and so did the centurion, so what does it mean to confidently approach Jesus? What is the source of the confidence?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Multiple times in his sermon Stuart used the phrase, "Confidently approached Jesus." Do you do that? Can you do that? Can you approach Jesus the same way as the leper or the centurion? Why?
2. It was said in Stuart's Life Group, "I want to be somebody who amazes Jesus." Based upon Matthew 8, what does it take to amaze Jesus? What can you do to amaze Jesus?



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