

Kingdom Come

Healing Faith (Mt. 8:1-17)

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

“When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. 2 And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” 3 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” 5 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6 “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” 7 And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” 8 But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, [c] ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel [d] have I found such faith. 11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 13 And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment. 14 And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. 16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.” – *Matthew 8:1-17 (ESV)*

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Who are some main authority figures in your life? How much authority do they have and over what?
- Do you ever feel like you need more faith to make something happen? Faith in what actually and how would it help you?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Matthew 8:1-17. What three healings does Jesus perform here and why?
- What does Matthew 8:1-17 tell us about the authority that Jesus has?
- Of the three healings in Matthew 8:1-17, which healing actually amazed Jesus? What about it was different from the others and why?
- Bonus material: Matthew 9:14-17.

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Whose authority do you put your trust in when you’re sick or need healing? How can faith help you?
- Share a time when you were amazed by someone else faith? Did it encourage you?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Exercise your faith in God’s authority. What is something you can trust Him with right now?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How’s your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.