

## CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Read Matthew 8:5-13 together 1

The Centurion gave, from his heart, to the synagogue, not expecting to see returns. His giving opened up opportunities.

LESSON - The principle of seed-time and harvest teaches that your giving opens doors for you and is the seed for your future.

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When the centurion told Jesus about his servant, Jesus said "I will come and heal him"

LESSON - Jesus has come for us and is willing to come and help us. His willingness matches His abilities. We can come to Jesus and invite on

Centurion was a Gentile. Romans were actually oppressing the Jews. This sense of unworthiness may have made him pull back but he didn't.

LESSON - Don't pull back. If you come believing, you will leave receiving.

QUESTIONS - Which is easier to have faith in? God's abilities or God's willingness? What truth can we see from this incident about God's willingness and abilities?

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Centurion understood authority ie authority you have comes from the authority you are under.

LESSON - When you are under authority, you have authority. So stay under authority.

QUESTIONS - What does that tell us about how we should relate to one another relationally and functionally in church? What are practical steps to stay under authority?

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Matt 8:11 Many others will come from east to west. The Jews know they are covenant people but they failed to grasp that being covenant people they need to be a blessing to the whole world. Matt 8:12 - thinking that salvation is attached to the law.

LESSON - Don't hang on to traditions.

Matt 8:13 Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done...

Rom 10:8 God's word always brings us faith.

**Rom 10:9** Confess with your mouth, believe in your heart. You will be saved and that includes healing, salvation. Everything good can come your way.

LESSON - Be busy confessing and believing.

Psalm 103:20 when we speak God's word, angels hear God's word and do God's word.

QUESTIONS - Rom 10:8,9 talks about the Word of Faith, Confessing and Believing. Everyone share one Scripture with each another that we are confessing and believing God for.

SUGGESTION - Make some of those verses that are shared by members to be memory verses for the whole connect group to be recited from memory at the next meeting.