

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaway:

1. Jesus' words have authority and work where our words don't
2. You can know the law and still miss the Lord (without relationship)
3. Miracles demonstrate God's kingdom breaking into our fallen world
4. Christians can participate in God's kingdom in-breaking by listening to the Holy Spirit

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you about the centurion's faith? Why do you think Jesus marveled at it?
2. The centurion was a Roman Gentile, yet Jesus said he had more faith than anyone in Israel. What does this reveal about Jesus' kingdom and who it's for?
3. How was Jesus' willingness to heal the centurion's servant radical & subversive for that time?
4. Jason stated, "You can know the law and still miss the Lord." How is it possible to be close to Scripture but miss Jesus? Have you ever experienced this in your own spiritual journey?
5. The Israelites were so invested in looking for the Messiah that they missed Him when He came. What are some things we might be so focused on in our faith that we miss what God is actually doing?
6. Think about the wedding ring story. When have you been "too close" to something to see it clearly? How does stepping back help us see Jesus better?
7. The sermon described miracles as "God's kingdom breaking into our sinful, fallen world." Share a time when you witnessed or experienced this kind of "in-breaking"—when God showed up in an unexpected or powerful way.
8. What are some practical ways we can participate in God's kingdom breaking into our world this week? (Consider the examples given: paying for groceries, sending an encouraging text, sharing the gospel, etc.)
9. Jason challenged us to work on listening to the Holy Spirit this week. What are some barriers that keep you from hearing God's voice? What practices help you listen better?
10. Mark Clark's story about visiting the lonely widow shows the importance of obeying the Spirit's prompting. Has the Holy Spirit been prompting you to do something specific? What holds you back?

Practical Applications:

1. Dedicated Prayer Time: Set aside 15-30 minutes daily just to listen, not just talk to God
2. Scripture Meditation: Spend time sitting with one passage, asking God what He wants to show you
3. Obedience Journal: Write down any promptings you sense from the Spirit and act on at least one this week
4. Awareness Practice: Throughout your day, pause and ask, "God, what do you want me to see or do right now?"

