

How does God work?

Discussion:

Share about an experience you have regarding fixing something. What was the outcome? did you gain any insight?

Open the scriptures:

**“When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.””
(Matthew 8:5-6)**

Centurion is a military position which commands a hundred soldiers. In the Roman army, he had authority and respect. A powerful man.

Discussion:

What do you think were his common behaviors and attitudes towards his soldiers?

What are some of his attitudes towards his servant?

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Pastor Andy states that “suffering is a way in which we realize things matter.” We often realize our the importance of our health only when we get sick.

Discussion:

What are some things that, if you were to lose them today, you will be greatly disturbed?

As the centurion has compassion and love for his servant, he wishes the the servants well-being. He comes to Jesus in hope that Jesus would heal and save his servant.

Discussion:

Please share one thing that you would ask God to intervene in.

**“And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.””
(Matthew 8:7)**

The century and was bold enough to ask Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus statement was not only that I will heal your servant but that I am willing to go to your dwelling place to meet him and heal him.

Discussion:

Does Jesus' respond surprise you? What does this reveal about the person of Jesus?

**“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. 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, ‘Do this,’and he does it.””
(Matthew 8:8-9)**

The centurion seem to not desire Jesus to go to his home. He was humbled to say that he is not worthy for Jesus to come to his home. But he also has insight into Jesus' authority. His unique perspective of Jesus from his career was a great insight into Jesus as God.

Discussion:

Based on your career, and background what are some unique perspectives that you can offer towards Jesus?

**"God opposes the proud but gives Grace to the humble."
James 4:6**

Discussion:

The centurion definitely humble himself, what are some things that we need to humble ourselves in before God?

**"When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith."
(Matthew 8:10)**

Jesus was surprised, the Bible even used the word "marveled." And Jesus did a great thing in his house.

**"...without faith it is impossible to please God"
(Hebrews 11:6)**

It seems like the way that God responses to people is by faith. God loves and is pleased when people trust, believe, and have faith in Him. Where as another scripture declares that Jesus was not able to do any work due to the lack of faith in the city.

Discussion:

What are some things that you need to trust God in?