



GROUP DISCUSSION

- ❑ **CONFIDENTIALITY** | What's said in the group stays in the group.
- ❑ **NO CROSS-TALK** | Be considerate of others as they share. Refrain from side conversations and texting during group time.
- ❑ **NO FIXING** | We are not in the group to fix each other. Jesus does that part.
- ❑ **SHARING** | Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Don't talk too much or too little. Every person brings something valuable to the group.



INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD

This series is about encouraging you to have crazy faith. But what is “crazy” faith? Crazy faith has confidence in who God is and what He can do. It's a faith that says, “God, I know you can do anything.”

This week, your group will look at one man who amazed Jesus with his crazy faith. You, too, can amaze Jesus with faith in His authority and power over your life.

Q: *How would you describe crazy faith in your own words?*



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Select 2–3 questions to discuss as a group.

JESUS WAS AMAZED

Jesus often traveled to different towns and cities. One day when He was in Capernaum, a Roman officer came to Him with a need. Let's take a look at what happened and how this Roman soldier surprised Jesus with his faith.

🗣️: Have a volunteer read Matthew 8:5-13. After the story is read, split into pairs (or groups in breakout rooms) and retell the story in your own words.

🗣️: How does the centurion's faith inspire you?



REFLECTION AND NEXT STEPS

Select 2–3 questions from this section to answer.

FAITH AND POWER

The centurion's example is one you can follow today whether you're in the classroom, the office, or at home. His faith teaches us several things:

- *Crazy faith understands Jesus's authority.* The centurion saw Jesus as a man of authority, because he, too, was a man of authority. He understood that all Jesus had to do was say the word. Crazy faith believes that Jesus can do anything just by saying the word.
- *Anyone can have faith.* The centurion was a Roman, a Gentile. Matthew uses this story to show us that faith is available to all, not just the religious types. Jesus came to save the lost and that includes everyone. He welcomes anyone who has faith in Him.
- *Through crazy faith, God's power is released.* Jesus told the centurion that what he requested would be done according to his faith. Often God works in our lives because (1) we have faith, (2) in proportion to our faith, or (3) in accordance with what we expected. Crazy faith says, "I'm going to expect big things from a big God who is able."

Q: *What makes having confident faith difficult for you right now? Explain.*

Q: *How would you approach life differently if you had confident faith?*



PRAY

Thank God for His Word and the many examples of faith in it. Ask Him to reveal anything in your life that might be blocking the way to confident faith. Pray for the kind of faith that releases more of God's power and influence in your life.