



Introduction

We are using viral videos as a launching point to talk about what made Jesus famous during his ministry and what might happen to make him famous. Some videos we wish would go viral because they show what we are capable of.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think tv stations play a “good news” video at the end of a broadcast instead of at the beginning? Can you think of any videos that have inspired you?
2. Read Matthew 5:33-38 and Matthew 7:28-29 How does this teaching of Jesus help set the stage for his encounter with the Centurion in Matthew 8?
3. Read Matthew 8:5-13 What do you think the disciples are thinking and doing as this Centurion approaches Jesus? What are some of the barriers that this Centurion crossed to talk to Jesus and that Jesus was apparently willing to cross to help?
4. What areas of Jesus’ teaching are most difficult to follow today? Does being difficult mean that we don’t have to do them?
5. What barriers are the most difficult for you to follow Jesus through (political, ethnic, social, other?) What does crossing one of these barriers look like when done as Jesus did it or would have us do it?
6. This Centurion approaches Jesus with faith and humility. Why are those necessary traits for Jesus to accomplish his will in people?
7. Jesus was amazed at this man’s faith. Faith is about taking a step, trusting Jesus-what is a step that he is calling you to take?

Shaping Your Mind –*Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment. Matthew 8:13*

Moving Forward – Being under authority means that you acknowledge and submit your will to the one who knows you best and promises to work things for the good-even when we can’t see it yet.