

Thornbury Baptist Church  
Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: November 23rd 2025  
Talk title: The Centurion's Faith  
Passage: Matthew 8:5-13  
Speaker: Katie Fry

Discussion Questions:

The Centurion's faith demonstrates an understanding that 'Jesus is Lord and I am not'. He recognises Jesus' authority (Jesus is Lord...) and responds with humility (...and I am not).

- What does it mean practically to say 'Jesus is Lord, and I am not', in everyday life? Are there particular areas of our lives where we struggle to submit to the Lordship of Jesus?
- The Centurion felt unworthy for Jesus to enter his home.
  - How does a healthy "fear of the Lord" help us approach God with both humility and confidence?
- A humble understanding that 'Jesus is Lord, and I am not' breeds gratitude. The opposite of this is entitlement.
  - What can we do to help cultivate gratitude in our lives?
  - And what are the things in our lives and around us that feed entitlement, that we need to be aware of?
- Hebrews 11:1 says '*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*' We see who God has shown himself to be and his faithfulness in the past, and therefore we trust in his character and his promises for the future.
  - What are the things that fuel our faith?
  - Share with each other some of the promises of God that you have held onto in both good and bad times.
  - How does the ultimate promise of that place at the feast with Jesus, where there will be no more sickness and sadness, shape the way we live and hope in the present?

**Takeaway**

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

Spend time praying with one another in the light of your discussion.

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