

## The Big Ask (Matthew 8:5-10)

Part 3 of the message series, "Connected"

### Today's Big Takeaways:

- When you've finally had enough, you're ready for the Answer.
- This is what total faith in Jesus looks like.
- Learn to pray with your heart.

### Taking It Home

*Here are some questions to dig deeper into this week's message. Remember to take these questions to your home churches this week. You could also discuss them with your family, your friends or with anyone you meet.*

When something comes up in life, how long does it usually take for you to ask God for help?

Read Matthew 8:5-13. Why do you think that the soldier would reject Jesus' offer to come and heal this child, and instead ask Jesus just to "say the word" (verse 8)?

The soldier's faith is incredible. Looking at the passage, why would you say his faith in Jesus is total and complete?

The soldier's job prepared him for trusting Jesus. Is there anything in your life that has prepared you to trust God completely? What has happened in your life to challenge how you can trust God completely?

Why do you think that Jesus is "amazed" at the soldier's faith (verse 10)? What kind of faith moves Jesus like this?

Read 1 John 5:14-15. Do you have the kind of "confidence" this passage calls for? What do you think would increase it?

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Pray without ceasing." In your experience, what does it mean to never stop praying, and how do we do it?