



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Matthew 8:5-13

Read and Listen to "[Samuel's Dream](#)"

[Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch](#)

Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions

1. Dan and Ella ask Jake for help because they trust the ranch and believe Jake cares about Samuel's future.

Why is it often difficult to ask others for help, especially when it concerns someone we deeply love?

What does this story teach about trust, humility, and caring for others wisely?

2. Jake listens carefully to Dan's desires and thinks quietly about Samuel's safety and future before promising anything.

Why is thoughtful listening an important part of helping someone and us?

How can taking time to understand another person's struggles and thinking about the consequences of our helping them lead to wiser and more loving decisions?

3. The Roman centurion believed Jesus could heal simply by speaking the word, even when He was far away from them.

Why do people sometimes struggle to trust God fully when facing difficult situations?

What does strong faith look like when we cannot immediately see how God will help or if he will give us the results we are seeking when we pray?

4. Jake remembers Old Man Caldwell's teaching about being a "good neighbor when given the chance."

Why do opportunities to help others often arrive unexpectedly?

How can small acts of kindness and guidance change a person's life sometimes more than we realize?

5. Both Dan and the centurion turn to someone they trust when they cannot solve a problem by themselves, both knowing that the one in need could not solve their problems by themselves.

Why does real faith often involve depending on others and not trying to carry every burden alone?

How can prayer, encouragement, and wise friendships strengthen people during difficult times?