

**Shadows - The Cure**  
Weekend Discussion Questions  
March 26-27, 2011

**Community:**

1. Who is your favorite sports team and why do you identify with them?
2. What team do you root against and why don't you like them?

**Core:**

1. How were the Jews in Jesus' day hanging on to the past in good and bad ways?
2. In Matthew 8:5-13 who is part of the "home team" and who is on the "other team"?
3. In v. 8 why did the Centurion tell Jesus he didn't have to actually go to his house?
4. Why was Jesus so astonished by his response?
5. How were the Jews (the home team) supposed to be an invitation to the whole world to join the team? (See Genesis 12:1-3, also)
6. Why is it hard for people on the home team (Christians) to remember that, as Scott said, "outcasts with great faith are accepted by Jesus"?
7. How is Jesus good news to the outcast that thinks he can't be connected to God?
8. On what basis are you sure that you are in with God?
9. How did God work in your life to get you where you are (invited to the party and on the home team)?

**Challenge:**

1. Ask yourself how you can demonstrate faith like the Centurion and try to astonish God by living that way.
2. Think about who you know that seems like they aren't invited to the dance and help them see that God loves them and doesn't hate them (Romans 5:8).

