



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

April 3, 2022

Luke 7:1-17

“Who Is This Jesus? (Part 1)”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. This passage demonstrates that Jesus is Lord over death and dying. Where do we see evidence of people’s fear of this topic in our current world and culture? How does Jesus’ message offer hope to those burdened by a fear of death and suffering?
 - o What are some ways we are tempted to doubt Jesus’ lordship and goodness in the midst of death and disease?
2. In the centurion, we see the humility that characterizes true faith. What are some ways we attempt to approach God based on our merit rather than His mercy?
 - o How does the Centurion’s example here encourage us in how we daily come before Jesus?
3. In this chapter, we see recipients of grace from multiple social classes, races, and ranks. What does this teach us about the kingdom of God? Why is it important for us to remember that there are no bounds or social constraints for entering the kingdom of heaven?
 - o What are some ways we tend to look down on or disassociate ourselves from those of different social classes?
 - o How does the message of the gospel allow us to pursue genuine unity despite our differences?
4. In both the centurion and the widow of Nain, we find grace in unexpected places. This shows us that we never know who the Lord may bring to faith. Is there anyone in your life you have a difficult time believing will ever come to the Lord? With whom are you tempted to grow weary in praying for their salvation?
 - o Consider taking some time to pray for these individuals as a group. Praying for their salvation, that their hearts would be softened toward the Lord, and that we would entrust them to our sovereign God.
5. With the raising of the widow’s son, we see that Jesus enters into this woman’s suffering without her initiating. What are some evidences of grace or ways that God has taken the initiative in showing you compassion? How should God’s initiating compassion motivate our prayer and trust in Him with our future?
6. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. How does this passage and Luke 7:11-17 teach us about grieving as those who have hope? How is a Christian’s grief over death and loss distinct from the world’s grieving?