



## **LUKE CHAPTER 7 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

- Do you agree or disagree with the following sayings? Explain.
  - Don't judge a book by its cover.
  - Things are not always as they appear.
- **Opening Prayer**
  - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

### **Tell the Story**

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (Luke 7:1-50)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Luke 7:1-10**

In this story, why is it important to know that the servant who was healed was a servant of a centurion?

- The fact that the man was a centurion indicates a couple of things.
- He was a Gentile.
- He was a Roman soldier and was not supposed to have a good relationship with the Jews because He was a part of the Jews being oppressed by the Roman Empire.
- As we encounter the centurion in this passage, there are some surprising things that we discover about him as he is not the typical centurion.
- The centurion had a humility about him although he had great status because he didn't count himself worthy to go and see Jesus himself but sent Jewish representatives to do this.
- The centurion possessed compassion because in that time, slaves who became gravely ill typically were killed because they no longer had any usefulness to their masters.
- The centurion was spoken well of by the people he would typically be oppressing.

In what ways does your life run counter to the ways of the world around you because of your walk with God?

In what ways does your life resemble the ways of the world around you because of your own desires?

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### **Luke 7:11-17**

What are some of the reasons that Jesus' engagement with this widow at Nain is significant?

- Jesus didn't have to take time to stop and even acknowledge this woman. His compassion and love are on full display.

- Jesus touches the open coffin of a dead person. This was strictly forbidden by Jewish law.
- This woman as a widow having lost her only son had nothing “substantive” to give Jesus in return for what He did for her.
- How do you pause throughout the course of your day to show love and compassion to people who can’t offer you anything in return?
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**Luke 7:18-35**

- Why is John the Baptist’s question sent through his disciples surprising and inspiring?
  - John has staked his life on the claims of Jesus being true and he is expressing some doubts about this at the end of his life. This is inspiring because he is vulnerable with Jesus about his doubts and his fears that possibly he may have given everything for something and someone that aren’t real and true.
  - In what ways do you need to be more vulnerable with the Lord?
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**Luke 7:36-50**

- What sticks out to you about the story of this woman and Jesus?
- Who are you more like? Simon the Pharisee or this woman? Explain.
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**Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?

- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

**Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Luke chapter 8)

## **LUKE CHAPTER 7 (STUDENT)**

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