COMMUNION SERIES ON LUKE: God the Son, Son of Man



The Man Who Made Jesus Marvel

STUDY GUIDE • LUKE 7:1-10



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WELCOME:

Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:

Ask your GG members to share their greatest accomplishments. After everyone has shared, ask them to decide which among them has the greatest accomplishment and the reason behind their decision.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God Suggested song:

Who Am I

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will humble themselves before God and acknowledge that, by themselves, they are unworthy of God's grace.
- 2. GG members will place their faith in Jesus Christ alone.

INTRODUCTION

In our passage, we see a Gentile centurion - someone of authority and rank - acknowledge that he was unworthy of coming before Jesus Christ and that Jesus Christ had the authority and power to heal using His words alone. Jesus marveled at his faith. It was something he would expect from the Israelites, but instead, he found it from a foreigner.

The humility of the centurion toward Jesus (vv. 1–5)

After Jesus finished giving His sermon, He went to Capernaum. A centurion there had a valuable servant who was on the brink of death. When he heard about Jesus, he desired that Jesus heal his servant, and sent some elders of the Jews to Jesus with this request.

- 1. What was the predicament of the centurion as recorded by Luke?
- 2. Why do you think the centurion sent elders to Jesus instead of going himself? (cf. vv. 6–7; Acts 10:28)
- 3. How did the elders try to convince Jesus to visit the centurion? Do the centurion's works really make him worthy of Christ's attention? (cf. Romans 3:20, 28; Ephesians 2:4–5)

Application:

Ironically, the centurion had a better assessment of his standing before Christ than the elders of the Jews. He had humbled himself, knowing that he was unworthy to approach the Lord. How can you develop the same sense of humility the centurion has?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

The faith of the centurion that marveled Jesus (vv. 6–10)

When Jesus neared the centurion's house, the centurion sent friends asking Jesus not to bother himself by visiting him. He acknowledged that Jesus had the authority and power to heal his servant just by His words. Jesus marveled at the faith of the centurion and healed his servant.

- 1. Why did the centurion send another group to Jesus? How did he see himself in relation to Jesus? (cf. John 18:28)
- 2. What was the significance of what the centurion said about authority, and how does it relate to his request?
- 3. How did Jesus respond to the centurion's message? Why do you think He responded that way? (cf. Mark 6:4–6; Matthew 14:28–31)

Application:

While the Jewish elders thought the centurion was worthy because of his deeds, the centurion saw himself as unworthy. Instead, he acknowledged that Jesus had the authority and power to heal using His words alone. What are some things that hinder your faith in Jesus Christ, and how might you overcome them?

PRAYER ITEM

Father God, thank You for loving me and saving me from sin and death. I acknowledge that I am unworthy of Your love, and nothing I do can ever earn it. By grace, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins that I may be reconciled with You. It is only through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross that I am saved. Thank You for this priceless gift. I praise and worship You. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. ■



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