



Good News **for all people.**

The Gospel of Luke

Week 6 Discussion Questions

Week of 10/2/22

Text: Luke 7:1-10

Icebreaker: Authority and humility can be tough to find in a single person. Who do you know who has both?

1. In chapter 6:27-36, Jesus taught his followers to, “Love your enemies...[and] Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” How might this exchange between Jesus and the Roman centurion help illustrate that teaching?

Application: What kind of things make some people easy for you to love and others more difficult? Do you have a relationship where you feel the challenge of loving your enemy?

2. What kind of character traits can you detect from the words and actions of the Roman centurion? Given his position, how else could the centurion have handled the situation?

Application: How do you think your own level of influence, authority, and/or affluence have impacted how you relate to other people?

3. The centurion’s humility and faith result in a miracle performed from a distance. What does this miracle where Jesus isn’t physically present say about his power and authority?

Application: How could this encourage us today when we think about Jesus’s power to do mighty things in our lives...even though he’s not physically present?

4. In verse 9, Jesus “marvels” at the centurion when he says, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” We’re not told what happened, but how do you think the crowd might have reacted when Jesus said this to them?

Application: How could this comment from Jesus align with our series theme, “Good news for all people”?

5. How’s the series going for you so far? What has been most significant for you?

Week 6 Final Thought:

“...I am not worthy...But say the word...For I too am a man set under authority.” These are the words and the attitude of a man who knew his place in relation to Jesus. The Jewish elders thought the centurion was worthy of Jesus’s help because of the good he had done for their nation. But Jesus knew something even greater: the centurion was worthy *because of his faith*. We too are made worthy by that same kind of faith!

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