



Week 6

Sermon Series: Followers of Jesus Do Life Together...Differently! -The Gospel of Luke

Sermon Title: „discip„ **Look Very Different from Religious People**

Sermon Text: Luke 7

Study Handout Week of: February 3, 2019

Group Week of: February 10, 2019

Sermon Date: February 17, 2019

BEFORE WE BEGIN: What was your takeaway from this past Sunday's sermon?

DOCTRINE: Faith- The trust and confidence to act upon the belief in something or someone, specifically faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: Compassion - to be moved to action through empathy; "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his **compassions** never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

DAY 1 Read Luke 7:1-10

1. Why would the centurion view himself as not worthy to come to Jesus with his need?
2. From the text, what do you know about the centurion?
3. What does the centurion understand about authority? Why is his understanding of authority important to his faith?
4. How does the centurion view Jesus and what does he believe about Jesus?
5. Why does the centurion statement reveal such great faith according to Jesus?
6. What is so astonishing about Jesus' reaction to the centurion's faith? How would this have offended those around him?

DAY 2 Read Luke 7:11-17

1. Describe the scene: what and where is this happening?
2. As a widow with no children in Jewish culture of that day, what kind of hardships is this mother going to face now that her son has died?

3. In what ways did Jesus have compassion on this woman? How can we show the same compassion to those around us?

DAY 3 Read Luke 7:18-35, Matthew 3:13-17

1. Why does Jesus not answer John directly? Instead he allows his actions to answer the question instead.
2. At that time of his baptism, John was convinced that Jesus was the Messiah having seen the Holy Spirit descend and knowing that he was unworthy to baptize him. Why is he now questioning Jesus' messiahship?
3. How does Jesus describe John the Baptist?
4. What are the different reactions of people to John the Baptist?
5. How do you see the mindset of the Pharisees in verse 30 in today's culture?
6. What illustrations does Jesus use to describe the people of his day? Do you see these people today?

DAY 4 Read Luke 7:36-50

1. What are the implications of the question, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" (v.49)
2. What if a person with a known bad reputation shows up to worship on a Sunday? How would you respond? What does this say about the way you view yourself and others?
3. Do the actions in your life reflect the same kind of love this woman had for Jesus? Why or why not?

DAY 5 Read Luke 7:1-50, Hebrews 11

1. What are all the people in these accounts wrestling with in their mind and heart?
2. Have you ever wrestled with the same thoughts these people had? Describe.
3. What do you learn in all of these accounts about who Jesus is?