



Luke 7:11-35 “How Jesus Deals With Absent and Faltering Faith”

Supplemental Scripture

Luke 6-8 1 Kings 17

Discussion Questions for Personal Life and Community Gathering

1. **Know.** Read Luke 7:11-17. How is Jesus’ miracle in Nain a picture of the Gospel?

Luke 7:1-10 is a story about unequalled faith. Where is faith in Luke 7:11-17? How does Jesus deal with absent faith and with faltering faith?

If God does not need our faith to work, then why does He command that we trust and obey Him?

How does Jesus give life to the dead in Luke 7:14?

Review Luke 7:18-35. According to Jesus’ response to John the Baptist, when did the judgment of God come for the people of God? Compare the different responses of people to John and to Jesus. What does this teach you about yourself?

2. **Connect.** What strategies does our missional community have to display compassion towards widows and the like? What strategies will our missional community implement to show compassion toward the down and out within the next 3 months?

Encourage someone that is going through a difficult situation this week with the short story in Luke 7:11-17 and spend time praying with them to watch Jesus approach, speak, touch, and work.

3. **Live.** What are the various responses to Jesus’ sermon on the plain in Luke 7? Which character do you relate to right now?

How is the word of Christ shaping your identity right now?

Who is the ultimate cause of faith? How does this humble you? How does this encourage and liberate you?

How does suffering confuse and devastate the irreligious and the religious? How does the Gospel take away our surprise and offense over suffering?

Take some time this week and journal what you know and think about the Messiah. What do you need to re-examine in light of what you are learning about the Jesus of Luke and His fulfillment of Scripture in order to bring your understanding and faith into line with Him?

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Next Week: Luke 7:36-50