

Luke Chapter 7 (NIV)

Directions: - Let the whole chapter be read first time you come together to study this chapter so that everyone could participate fully. Thereafter, the class may then be reading recommended verses as needed when answering the questions. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.

Read the chapter <u>section</u> by <u>section</u>, but read it all at a time before answering the questions that follow. Let everyone participate in the reading. (The Faith of the Centurion – Vs. 1-10) (Jesus Raises a Widow's Son – Vs. 11-17) (Jesus and John the Baptist – Vs. 18-35) (Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman – Vs. 36-50).

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why was Jesus "astonished" by the words of the Centurion? Explain. (Luke 7:9)
- 2. What happened to the servant?
- 3. Describe the miracle in a town called Nain.
- 4. What effect did the miracle have on Jesus' popularity? Explain.
- 5. Why do you suppose John the Baptist sent two people to question Jesus about whether he was "the one who is to come"? At this point in time, Jesus had already been baptized by John. (Luke 7:18 22)
- 6. How did Jesus respond?
- 7. A Pharisee invited Jesus for a meal. What happened during the meal?

Answer Key - Chapter 7

- 1. Why was Jesus "astonished" by the words of the Centurion? Explain. (Luke 7:9) He was astonished because the Centurion's faith was so strong that he believed Jesus could heal his servant just by His word. He would not even have to come to the house. Jesus praised the Centurion's faith.
- 2. What happened to the servant? *He was healed and determined to have "perfect health"*.
- 3. Describe the miracle in a town called Nain. A dead man was being carried out. He was an only son, and his mother was a widow. Jesus brought the man back to life.
- 4. What effect did the miracle have on Jesus' popularity? Explain. *People began saying Jesus was a profit, and this view of him spread throughout Judea and all over the countryside.*
- 5. Why do you suppose John the Baptist sent two people to question Jesus about whether he was "the one who is to come"? At this point in time, Jesus had already been baptized by John. (Luke 7:18 22) *Answers will vary. Maybe it happened because it gave Jesus the opportunity to speak about John the Baptist. Perhaps John was confused because Jesus was being called a prophet instead of the Messiah.*
- 6. How did Jesus respond? *Instead of giving him a direct answer, he told the messengers to report what they have seen with their own eyes. He went on to praise John.*
- 7. A Pharisee invited Jesus for a meal. What happened during the meal? The woman with the alabaster jar anointed his feet, cried, and wiped his feet with her hair. Jesus praised the woman and put down the Pharisee.