

Water of Life Community Church
THE WONDER OF GOD
WEEK 5
LUKE 7:1-23

ICEBREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

We all have to believe for ourselves whether Jesus is the Messiah or not. As we'll see in Luke 7, the way we demonstrate that belief will play out in the way we respond to the circumstances of our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ LUKE 7:1-10.

- a. The definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen." How was the centurion's faith revealed in this story?
- b. What types of power did the centurion believe Jesus had?
- c. What reasons might the centurion have had to doubt Jesus' power?
- d. Describe a time when you put your faith and trust in God and let Him work out His purposes in a desperate situation you were facing. What was the outcome? How was your relationship with Him impacted?

2. READ LUKE 7:11-17.

- a. Why do you think Jesus went out of His way to perform this miracle? What did He reveal about Himself?
- b. How do you think the widow felt in the moment when she realized what Jesus had done?
- c. In what ways is this story similar to what Jesus did in your life when He saved you? Read Ephesians 2:4-7 to help you answer.
- d. How did the people react to Jesus? What do you think your response would have been if you witnessed this miracle?
- e. What miracles has God performed in or through Water of Life Community Church lately? How might we see more and more miracles, signs and wonders?

3. READ LUKE 7:18-23.

a. From Matthew's parallel account of this encounter between Jesus and John the Baptist, we learn that John was in prison when he approached Jesus through messengers (Matt. 11:1-6). Read Matthew 14:1-5. How did John land in prison? Why might prison have raised doubts for John about Jesus' identity?

b. What kinds of "prisons" tend to bring up doubts for you regarding Jesus? In those periods of discouragement and doubt, what most renews your belief and faith?

c. In response, Jesus listed six aspects of His ministry (v. 22). How did these aspects point to His role as Messiah?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

When did you come to the place in your life where you knew Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God and your Savior? How did you come to this understanding? What difference has it made in your life?

Does trusting God come naturally for you, or are you someone who tries to control situations yourself? What is one step toward trust you can take this week?

What are some practical ways we can help one another deal honestly with our doubts over Jesus' messiahship and the implications it has on our lives?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Take a moment to think about: What do you normally do or how do you normally react when you feel discouraged?

RESPOND

- Use a journal or notepad or your phone to write out the things that you have been feeling hopeless or doubtful about. Allow God into those places and see how you feel encouraged!

Also ... Subscribe to our e-devotionals by texting "eDevotional" to 67076; or go to wolgroups.com and click on the eDevotional button for daily testimonies relating to this week's theme.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 7:23, New International Version (NIV)

"Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

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