

• LESSON 8 (February 21) •  
**Luke 7 • The Messiah Has Come**

1. Luke 7:2 mentions “a centurion.” When the typical resident of Capernaum saw or heard of a centurion, what would immediately come to mind? Why is his identity important to comprehending the full weight of this portion of Luke’s orderly account?
2. What do we learn about this centurion’s character from 7:4-5?
3. What do we learn about this centurion’s faith from 7:6-8? Why does Jesus “marvel” and say what he says to the crowd in 7:9?
4. Take a moment to revisit the first six chapters of Luke. What miracles have we seen performed by Jesus to this point? And what sets 7:11-17 as absolutely extraordinary?
5. Is there anything we can learn from the question of John the Baptist in 7:18-19?
6. What should we make of Jesus’ response to John’s question in 7:22-23? What does he mean?
7. “When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John” (7:24). What does Jesus want the crowd to grasp in 7:24-28?
8. Jesus makes a comparison and important application in 7:31-35. What is he communicating?
9. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus visits the house of a Pharisee named Simon. In 7:40, Jesus says to Simon, “I have something to say to you.” What does Simon not see that he *needs* to see?
10. What can we learn from Jesus’ parable in 7:41-42? Does it still apply to us today? If so, how?