

"Healing & Life"

Opening Announcements:

Opening Prayer:

Q: How's it going with the daily reading plan? Is there any day/event/text that sticks out to you that you would like to talk about?

Q: What's hard about this discipline?

Q: Last week we looked at three different healings. Today we'll look at two more. So far, what's been interesting to you about "how" Jesus heals and "why" Jesus heals?

READ: Luke 7:1-10 "After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ² Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵ for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." ⁶ And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸ For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰ And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well. "

Q: What strikes you as interesting about this Roman Centurion?

Q: What strikes JESUS as interesting about this Roman Centurion?

Q: What about him does Jesus respond too?

Q: How can we consider those qualities/characteristics and apply them to OUR life?

READ: Luke 7:11-17 "Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country."

Q: So two crowds meet at the town of Nain! One leaving with a dead son. The entering in is the Son of Life! What strikes you as interesting in THIS encounter?

Q: What's significant about the details in verse 12?

Q: What's significant about the end of v.13 and what happens in v.14?

Q: In verse 14, Jesus did something. What is significant about what He does? (Hint: Remember what happened to the Leper in chapter 5).

Q: How is what Jesus did for this man, testify about Jesus' purpose?

Q: According to verse 16, what was the response of the crowd? Is this appropriate?

Q: How does THIS event (which precedes the sermon text)...tie into the event of our Sermon today (Luke 7:18-23 John's Question)?

Q: How does Jesus' dealing with this man, give us our ultimate hope?