



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: Who is Jesus?

Scripture: Luke 7: 1-10; 36-50

Date: Jan 21 & 22, 2017

## —[ LET'S START ]—

- Before getting into the Bible text discussion, share with your group who is on your Adopt 7 list and describe your interactions with them over the past few weeks. Before getting into the discussion, spend time in prayer for your Adopt 7.

## —[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. What reasoning did the Jewish elders give to Jesus as why He should help the Roman centurion? (verses 4-5) What was surprising about Jewish elders asking Jesus to help a Roman centurion?
2. Pastor Dale mentioned that religious systems suggest that divine favor is earned by righteous behavior. What are some examples of ways people try to earn God's favor?
3. How did the Roman centurion feel about his "worthiness" to have Jesus help him? (verses 6-7) What does verse 8 reveal about the centurion's faith in Jesus?
4. Looking at both stories in the text, even while they lived very different lives, what did the centurion and prostitute have in common?
5. Describe how Simon the Pharisee responded to Jesus. Describe how the prostitute responded to Jesus. What does the story Jesus tells (verses 41-42) have to do with these two responses?
6. What do verses 48-50 tell us about who Jesus is?
7. In this sermon we looked at three different people who interacted with Jesus: the Roman centurion, Simon the Pharisee and the prostitute. Describe each person's approach to Jesus and how Jesus responded to them. Which of these three people best describes how you are approaching Jesus?

—[ **LET'S ACT** ]—

- When the prostitute comes to Jesus, she pours out an alabaster jar of perfume on His feet. (Luke 7:37-38) Pastor Dale mentioned that this expensive perfume was not just her most prized possession—it was a tool of her trade. She is pouring out at Jesus' feet all that she has. What "alabaster jar" do you need to put at Jesus' feet? What thing, other than Jesus, have you been putting your faith in that you need to surrender to Christ?

—[ **SERMON REVIEW** ]—

- Bible passage: Luke 7: 1-10; 36-50
- Dale mentioned that we all exercise faith, even atheists. The question isn't the strength of our faith – the object of our faith is the issue.
- Religious systems suggest that divine favor is earned by righteous behavior. Jesus, however, shows that God's grace is not earned, but it is generously given to those who put their faith in Jesus.
- In order to come to Jesus we must set aside what we have been trusting in (religion, righteous living, ourselves and our own desires). Until our soul is on its knees in repentance and sorrow we won't know the ravishing love of Christ.

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