

## Priming the Pump

1. Begin by reading the Scripture for this week's message, Luke 7:1-17.
2. Consider how the Centurion's career and work experience gave him an analogy that he used to describe his faith in Jesus' power. Is there any part of your career or work that could be used to draw an analogy or lead others into a conversation about your own faith in Jesus Christ?

## Getting into the Word

1. Jesus "marveled" only twice during His ministry. One time is in our passage in Luke 7:1-10. Read from Mark 6:1-6 about the other time He marveled. Compare these two events and the faith of the two audiences. How are they similar and how are they different?
2. The Centurion recognized that Jesus has authority over the natural world, including disease, and knew that by simply commanding the sickness to leave it would be done. Read the following verses and write down what Jesus has authority over in each:
  - a) Matthew 9:1-8
  - b) Mark 1:21-22
  - c) Luke 4:33-36
  - d) John 5:25-29
  - e) John 10:17-18
  - f) Matthew 28:18-20

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3. In our passage this week, Jesus had compassion on the widow before anyone had said anything to Him. Often, Jesus did not wait to be approached by someone with faith before serving them, but took the initiative to act, as a witness to Himself. Read these other times Jesus was led by His compassion to take initiative. Why did He have compassion, what were their needs, and how did He meet them?
  - a) Matthew 9:35-38/Mark 6:34 (parallel passages)
  
  - b) Matthew 15:32-38/Mark 8:1-9 (parallel passages)

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Jesus stepped down from His eternal deity to humble Himself unto death, so that we might be saved. The Bible teaches that all who are to follow Him should be a humble servant as He was, even though He had all authority. In fact, the Bible teaches that authority and leadership is to be exercised as humble service. Read the below passages and write down some thoughts how you might apply each in your own life.
  - a. Mark 10:42-45
  
  - b. John 13:12-17
  
  - c. Eph 5:18-21
  
  - d. 1 Cor 9:19-23
  
2. The people in v16 were glorifying God saying He had visited them. Today, all Christians have God actually dwelling inside us, both individually and collectively. Read the below Scriptures and think about the fullness of deity and God's glory, actually living inside your body and inside the Church Body. How does this drive you to live? How does this inspire you to act? How does this fill your thinking and boost your motivation?

Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 3:14-19; 2 Timothy 1:14; James 4:1-10