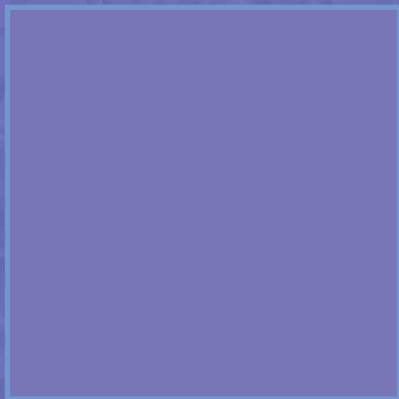
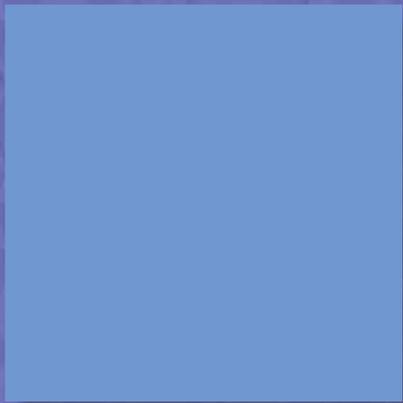


C H A P T E R



1. Please, read this chapter, at least, twice before beginning the study guide.
2. Jesus ends his teaching on the plateau and enters Capernaum

In this chapter, we will look at five people.

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ with a sick servant. vss. 1-10
  - b. A grieving \_\_\_\_\_ vss. 11-17
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ locked in prison. vss. 18-35
  - d. A \_\_\_\_\_ named \_\_\_\_\_ vss. 36-43
  - e. A sinful \_\_\_\_\_ who poured oil on Jesus. vss. 37-38,44-50
3. Verse 2 introduces us to a centurion. This title is given to certain Roman officers. This word in the Greek is *Hekatontarches*. Hekaton meaning a hundred. *Archo* meaning to be the chief, ruler, lead, to reign over. From just this title, what can be assumed about this man?

What character qualities would one expect from a person with this position of authority?

4. What did you learn about the centurion's servant?
5. This centurion had heard about Jesus. It would have been the custom of a centurion to send some one under him to do an important task. Who do we see him ask to go and represent him to Jesus?

Had the centurion sent his men to get Jesus would it have changed the tone of this invitation?

How important is it for us to think through our plans before making a move?

Are there plans you are about to carryout that could use a bit more thought?

6. When the elders found Jesus, how did they describe the centurion?
7. Jesus got up to go with these men. Just as they were about to arrive, what happened?
8. Luke 7: 6-8 NIV  
*"Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ yourself, for I \_\_\_\_\_ to have you come under my roof. 7 That is why I did not even \_\_\_\_\_ to come to you. But say \_\_\_\_\_, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I myself am a man under \_\_\_\_\_, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."*
9. After filling in the blanks above what could be said about this centurion. He is a man who understands \_\_\_\_\_.

This man's faith amazed Jesus.

In what ways did the centurion's faith differ from the crowds of people who were constantly wanting Jesus to heal a loved one?

10. What was the Jewish elder's opinion of the centurion, verse 4?

What was the centurion's opinion of himself, verse 6?

11. This centurion was a man of great authority and position, yet we see he was also a man of great humility.

Colossians 3:12 reminds us, as God's chosen people, we are to be purposeful in humility.

We are told to *clothe ourselves in humility*.

Could this word be used to describe your dealings with others?

Rick Warren, in his book "The Purpose Driven Life" said of humility, "*True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.*"

Colossians 3:12 ***Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.***

12. What was the result for this centurion's servant?

13. Jesus travels next to a small village in Galilee, Nain.

A divine appointment has been described as a meeting with another person, which has been specifically and unmistakably ordered by God.

Would you consider Jesus approaching the city gate, just as the funeral procession was passing by, a divine appointment?

14. As Jesus approached the city gate, he saw a widow.  
How did the scripture describe Jesus' feelings?

15. Because this woman was a widow, and with her only son dead, she would have no one to provide for her. When our need is great it is important for us have an encounter with our great God. Our extremity is God's opportunity. Read Genesis 22:14  
What is the meaning of the name Jehovah Jireh?

16. What was the result of this divine appointment?

17. Think back over the last few days, have there been opportunities and divine appointments?

If not, it could be you were simply too busy to see them or did not have the time to seize them. Sometimes we just allow our schedule to be so busy we have no margin.

How might you work a bit more margin in your day for divine appointments?

## Day Three

18. Jesus glorifies God the most because he makes the invisible qualities of God visible. Colossians 1:15 states, ***“The Son is the image of the invisible God,”*** and Hebrews 1:3 explains, ***“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.”*** How might you and I reflect Jesus and help others see God’s invisible qualities today?

19. How specific are our prayers?

I had an opportunity to pray for someone, this past weekend. They were facing a very unfair situation. It was highly unlikely anything would change, but we prayed just the same. My prayer was that God would change the heart of this individual and that he would simply drop the matter. This was so out of character, even though I had prayed for it, I struggled with a lack of faith. The next morning my friend received a call, the entire matter had not only been dropped, but they were given a gift instead. God is good all the time!!!

20. Have you asked God to do something you thought was impossible?

Did you believe you would see it come about?

Has God answered it yet or are you still waiting for His timing?

21. Luke 7:18 tells us John the Baptist was given an update on Jesus’ ministry.

Read verse 22, write a list of the miraculous things Jesus was doing.

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| a. | d. |
| b. | e. |
| c. | f. |

22. Do you recall where John is, at this time?

Read Luke 3:19-20

23. Have you ever been trapped in a situation you felt was completely out of your control?

Did you feel like you too had questions for Jesus?

24. A Roman prison was a place filled with scarcity, little food, little light, little compassion, little warmth, and not even the barest of necessities. It is understandable, after an extended period in this prison, John might experience confusion and depression. It would be natural to wonder if the things he had previously thought were even true. Sending for a word from Jesus was a good idea. Has a friend ever spoken words of encouragement, helping you remain strong in your faith, even though your difficult situation did not change?

25. When John’s disciples arrived, they asked Jesus, *“Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”*

The scripture says, ***“At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to the blind.”***

These disciples became eyewitnesses to the miracles and the teachings of Jesus.

Read Luke 7:22 again

After a little time with Jesus, what were they instructed to do?

26. Luke 7:23 is a bit easier to understand in the Passion Translation.  
*“And tell John these words: ‘The blessing of heaven comes upon those who never lose their faith in me, no matter what happens.’”*  
 The Pharisees were offended, as Jesus spoke with authority. The people were offended, when Jesus would not perform his miracles on demand. The leaders were offended, seeing the people followed a man of such low status. Yet, God continued to use him and bless him.  
 What comes to your mind when you hear the name Jesus?
27. Jesus reminds the people of John’s purpose. What had John the Baptist been called to do?  
 In verses 27-28, Jesus speaks very highly of John. What did he say about him?
28. Luke 7:29-30 tell us the people, and even many of the tax collectors, who were considered hard-hearted and uncaring, had heard John’s message, and were baptized by him. However, the Pharisees and the experts in the law rejected his baptism. John’s message was a call to repentance. Why would some accept and others reject this message?
29. Define the word repent.  
 If a person repents why would that make transferring their trust so much easier?
30. Look at the things Jesus said and with one word describe John.

	John is...
A reed shaken by the wind?	
A man dressed in fine clothes?	
A messenger sent ahead of Jesus	
Great among all the men born up until this time.	

31. Have you ever tried to share a truth with someone who considered themselves an expert?  
 Did they listen?  
 Why is it so difficult to share truth with a prideful person?
32. Jesus paints a word picture of John’s ministry and his own ministry in verses 33-35.  
 In what ways did these two ministries differ?
33. Luke 7:36-50 tells a beautiful story of repentance and forgiveness. Read these verses once again.  
 Who are the characters mentioned in these verses?
34. Where was Jesus and what was he doing?  
 Does this sound unusual to you?  
 Is this a home where one might think Jesus would be spending his evening?

35. What attitude have we seen from the Pharisees, toward Jesus?  
If you have forgotten, look up Luke 5:21, 30 and Luke 6:7
36. After reading these verses, what might have been Simon, the Pharisee's, reason for inviting Jesus to dine with him?
37. A woman arrived at the home of Simon, the Pharisee, that evening, while the guests were reclining at the table.  
The Greek word used to describe this woman's past is Harmartolos. It means devoted to sin or not free from sin.  
What interesting fact did you learn about this woman's life?

What do you suppose this meant?

38. What did this woman bring with her?
39. Luke 7:38, tells us about the woman and her actions:  
*"...she began \_\_\_\_\_ His feet with her \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Then she \_\_\_\_\_ them with her \_\_\_\_\_ them and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ perfume on them."*
40. If you were with us for our study of Mark, you probably remember a very similar story with similar details but a different event.  
Look up Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:2-8  
What was the purpose of the oil poured on Jesus, in the event mentioned in Matthew 26:12, Mark 14:8 and John 12:7?
41. What do you believe the actions of this woman, spoken of in Luke 7, revealed about her heart?
42. When the Pharisee saw her actions, what did he think to himself?
43. Jesus does not reprimand Simon; he simply begins a conversation. "Simon, I have something to tell you."  
Briefly state the parable Jesus told and the amazing question Jesus asked him.
44. What were the amounts owed and mentioned in this parable?  
A denarius was a fair day's wage in Jesus' day.  
What would that make the two debts equivalent to?
45. Simon tried to answer Jesus' question to the best of his ability. What did he say?

46. It might have been okay if Jesus had simply stopped with the question in verse 42, but he did not. What did he say that rubbed this Pharisee the wrong way?

Fill in the chart.

	Pharisee		The Woman
You did not		But she...	
You did not		But she...	
You did not		But she...	

47. In your own words, state the truth concerning forgiveness mentioned by Jesus in verse 47.
48. Jesus wanted this woman to know he cared about her and that her sins were forgiven. What were the final words of Jesus to the woman?
49. What did Jesus say about this woman's faith?
50. Jesus tells her she has nothing more to worry or fret about. She is free of sin's bondage, which had so long entangled her. Read Psalm 23:6  
What will be following this precious woman all her days?

