

## Reflection Questions: Luke 7:1-10

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to [MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages](http://MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages).

### **Luke 7:1-10**

**1** 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.

### **QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.**

- Put yourself in the centurion's place: you're desperate for help, you know and believe something vital about the authority Jesus has over sickness and disease, so your simple, desperate faith propels you to Jesus. What do we learn about what faith is from this episode?
- What do you think it was about the centurion's faith that caused Jesus to marvel? In what ways is it different from what Jesus had been seeing among his own people?
- What is this text trying to get you to see about Jesus? And what do you think the connection is between truly seeing Jesus (that is, truly understanding who he is and the authority he has) and trusting him?

#### **2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.**

- What are some ways we can encourage one another to trust boldly in Jesus? What might that look like, especially if we are struggling with doubts or are stuck in a period of time where we struggle with trusting boldly?
- What kind of community of faith is this text calling us to become? In other words, how do we live as followers of Jesus, the king who has all authority in heaven and earth (cf. Matthew 28:18)? What small views of Jesus would we need to change in our thinking? What would we need to repent of?

#### **3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.**

- What questions do you think people in our city would ask of this text?
- What kind of me does God want for his mission? In other words, how is God calling me to trust more fully and truly in Jesus as I seek to follow him in my city?