

## Study Guide

**Pray:** Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

**Read:** Begin by reading Luke 7 straight through, as you would the first chapters of any book.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you the most as you read about the centurion's displayed faith in God (**verses 7-8**)? How did Jesus respond as he realized the faith of the centurion (**verse 9**)?
  
2. Reread **Luke 7:11-17** as if you were in the crowd. How would you have felt toward the widow? Toward Jesus?
  
3. What do you think this event in Nain shows us about Jesus and the purpose of His miracles?
  
4. If you are not familiar with or need a refresher on the role of John the Baptist and his prophetic ministry, please read **John 1:19-28**, **John 3:22-35**, **Luke 3:19-20** before answering the next question.

Why do you think John was seeking confirmation of Jesus' identity at this point in his life (**verses 18-20**)?

5. During the dinner at Simon the Pharisee's home, how did the sinful woman show great love toward Jesus? (**verses 36-38**)

6. a. Upon seeing the sinful woman at the feet of Jesus, what did Simon the Pharisee "say to himself"?

b. Most of us would be terrified for our innermost thoughts to be heard and broadcasted. Think of how liberating it would be if we were pure enough inside to not be ashamed. What are some very practical ways to improve the quality of your thought life? (**See also Mark 12:30**)

7. What do you think Jesus is teaching Simon the Pharisee through the parable of canceled debts (**verses 40-47**)?

8. Perhaps this passage causes you to picture yourself in this sinful woman's place. Perhaps you know the inner struggle of a sinful past. Be encouraged to read the words spoken to the sinful woman as if Jesus is speaking to you. (***Your many sins have been forgiven – for you love much; “Go in peace” (verses 47-50)***). What do these words say to you?