



Week 12

Sermon Series: Lessons from the Sinless Savior

Sermon Title: *Lord, Just Say the Word*

Sermon Text: Luke 7:1-10

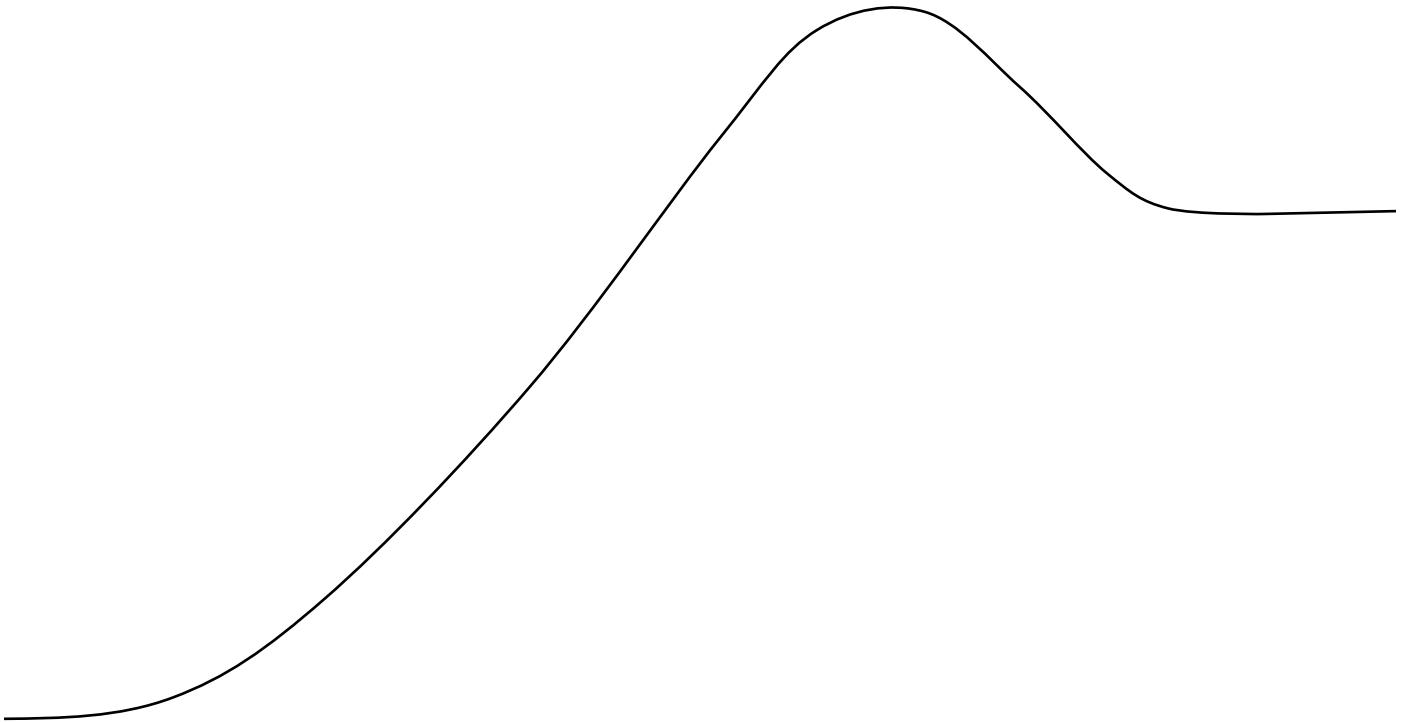
Group Week of: October 08, 2023

Sermon Date: October 15, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Matthew's Account – Matthew 8:5-13
Day 2	Little Faith – Matthew 17:14-20
Day 3	Great Faith – James 5:13-20
Day 4	Humble Attitudes – James 4:13-17
Day 5	The Authority of Jesus – John 17:1-5

The Text: Luke 7:1-10

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the Plot Arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What has happened thus far in the book of Luke that would lead this centurion to think Jesus can heal by authority?
- 3) Why would the elders need to plead earnestly with Christ to heal the centurion's slave?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) The word for “servant” is the Greek word *doulos* which is often translated “slave.” This was not an indentured servant, but a regular household slave. Yet we see the centurion’s character on display in his affection for a slave – a quality that most people did not value or exhibit. Apply this to the context of Christians in the workplace. How should Christians feel about and treat their subordinates?

- 2) The centurion had come to value Jewish culture and religion, even if he himself had not become a full-blown proselyte. There are, at times, non-believers who come to appreciate Christian values and belief in God, even if they have not yet given their lives to Christ. This is common among people who have a worldview or religion that is accepting of all beliefs. How should we interact with people who are “fans” of Christianity, even of Jesus, but not born-again followers of Christ?

- 3) Though this man seeks Jesus’ healing power for his servant, he does not feel worthy to come to Jesus or even have Jesus in his home. What, if anything, is good in this attitude? What, if anything, is worthy of emulation.

- 4) The centurion understood the true nature of authority, and that Jesus need only give the command, and the servant would be healed. What is your view of God’s authority? Does your confidence in His power to heal match your willingness to obey His words? Is He Lord of your sickness *and* your actions? Discuss how correlated or separated these views of God’s authority have become in your life.

- 5) When Jesus hears about the centurion’s faith, he remarks that it is “great.”
 - i. What do you think Jesus means when he calls this man’s faith “great”?

 - ii. In what way is faith “great” or “small”?

 - iii. Is there a way to grow in our faith so that it becomes “greater” and if so, how?

- 6) It is clear that the faith and attitude of this centurion are worthy of our emulation based on Christ’s commendation of the man’s faith. His faith sensed his own unworthiness, had a high view of Christ, and a firm confidence in His authority. Meditate on these truths for a while and then reflect on your prayer life. Do your prayers reflect your unworthiness, a high view of Christ, and a firm confidence in His authority? Commit to meditating on these truths in your prayers this week and write out any insights or growth from those meditations below and share them with your life group.