

## The Faith of the Centurion - Luke 7:1-10

**Topics:** Affirmation, Answers, Appreciation, Attitude, Authority, Character, Confidence, Delegation, Faith, Healing, Humility, Leadership, Prayer, Representatives, Reputation, Trust

### Open It

1. When you hear the word “authority,” who first comes to mind?
- \* 2. When have you been amazed by someone else’s faith?
3. From whom have you learned the greatest part of your understanding of faith?

### Explore It

4. In what town did Jesus heal the centurion’s servant? (7:1-2)
5. What did the centurion ask Jesus to do? (7:3)
6. Whom did the centurion send to present his request to Jesus? (7:3)
7. What reason did the elders give Jesus to honor their request on behalf of the centurion? (7:3)
8. What kind of reputation did the centurion have among the people of Capernaum? (7:3)
- \* 9. What different character qualities were demonstrated by the centurion? (7:3-8)
- \* 10. What message did the centurion send when he discovered Jesus was actually coming to his house? (7:6-8)
11. What was the centurion’s perception of Jesus? (7:6-7)
12. How did the centurion understand the concept of authority? (7:6-8)
13. If your knowledge were limited to this passage, what would you know about centurions? (7:8)
- \* 14. How did Jesus react to the centurion’s words? (7:9)
15. To whom did Jesus remark on the uniqueness of the centurion’s faith? (7:9)
16. What happened to the centurion’s servant? (7:10)

### Get It

- \* 17. What characteristics of the centurion’s attitude and request would be helpful to remember when we ask God for help?
18. What do people usually mean when they refer to Jesus Christ as Lord?
- \* 19. Why is it difficult for us to be as dependent on God as the centurion was?
20. The centurion presented his request to Jesus through friends; how much is this like asking friends to pray for us?
21. Why is it important to be encouraged about the quality of our faith, even as Jesus affirmed the faith of the centurion?
22. What are some of the ways in which Jesus is Lord of your life?
23. What happens when we depend on God?

### Apply It

- \* 24. How could you affirm the faith of someone who has been an example to you?
25. How can you strengthen your friendships with other Christians this week?