SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Luke

Chapter 7

The Word That Heals, Raises and Forgives

MEMORY VERSE · LUKE 7:50

"And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace.""

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Luke 7

Luke 7 shows Jesus speaking a word that heals, raises the dead and forgives sin. This week He asks you to come to Him the way the centurion and the woman did — not on your record, but on His word — and to walk out the door forgiven and at peace.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Luke study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Just Say the Word

READ · LUKE 7:1–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the Jewish elders say about the centurion, and what did the centurion say about himself (7:4–7)?

REFLECT

The elders said "He is worthy" (7:4); the centurion said "I am not worthy" (7:6). Which of those voices do you usually bring with you when you pray, and why?

REFLECT

The centurion believed Jesus could heal with a word, without coming to the house (7:7–8). What situation in your life do you think is too far away for Jesus to reach?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one need you are carrying and pray the centurion's words over it: "just say the word."

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (LUKE 7:50)

DAY 2 OF 5

Young Man, Arise

READ · LUKE 7:11–17

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who was being carried out of Nain, who was his mother, and what did Jesus do and say before He raised him (7:12–14)?

REFLECT

No one asked Jesus for help; "When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her" (7:13). What grief are you carrying that you have never put into words, and how does it help to know He sees it?

REFLECT

Jesus "gave him back to his mother" (7:15). Who has been lost to you — by death, distance or your own choices — and what would you want Jesus to restore?

RESPOND — TODAY

Call or write to someone who is grieving this week, and simply let them know you see them.

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DAY 3 OF 5

An Honest Question

READ · LUKE 7:18–23

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What question did John send from prison, and what did Jesus tell the messengers to report back (7:19–22)?

REFLECT

John had preached about Jesus, and still he asked, "Are You the Expected One?" (7:19). When have you felt confused or let down by God, and what did you do with that question?

REFLECT

Jesus said, "Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me" (7:23). Where are you tempted to be offended because Jesus is not working the way you expected?

RESPOND — TODAY

Bring your hardest question to God in prayer today, honestly, and then read one promise in Scripture as His answer.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Wisdom's Children

READ · LUKE 7:24–35

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Jesus say about John, and what did people say about John and about Jesus (7:26–28, 33–34)?

REFLECT

People rejected John for fasting and Jesus for feasting (7:33–34). What excuse have you used to keep God's messengers — a pastor, a sponsor, a brother — at arm's length?

REFLECT

The tax collectors "acknowledged God's justice," while the Pharisees "rejected God's purpose for themselves" (7:29–30). What is one thing God has said to you that you have been resisting?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank the person God has used most to speak truth to you, and tell him one thing he said that you are now acting on.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Forgiven Much

READ · LUKE 7:36–50

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the woman do for Jesus, what did Simon fail to do, and what did Jesus say to her at the end (7:38, 44–48, 50)?

REFLECT

Simon thought he owed little; the woman knew she owed much (7:41–43, 47). Which one are you more like on most days, and how does that show in the way you love Jesus?

REFLECT

Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (7:50). What would it look like for you to stop trying to pay off a debt He has already cancelled?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write "Forgiven — go in peace" on a card, put it where you will see it every morning, and thank Jesus each time you read it.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

The centurion, the widow, John and the sinful woman each came to Jesus from a different hard place (7:2, 12, 19, 37). Which of them do you relate to most right now, and why?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

The dinner guests asked, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?" (7:49). How would you answer that question in your own words to a man who has never been to church?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Simon judged the woman in his heart (7:39). How can our group be a place where men with a past are welcomed at Jesus' feet instead of sized up?

MY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but You have forgiven my many sins, so today I ask You to...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · LUKE 7:50

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