SUCH FAITH

Luke 7:1–10

Key Verse: 7:9

1. What has just happened, where does Jesus go now, and what had happened there before (1; cf. 4:23,31–41)?
2. Note the descriptions of the centurion: how he views his servant (2); what the Jewish elders say on his behalf (4–5). Why were these traits unusual in a such a man?
3. Why does he reach out to Jesus (3a)? How does Jesus respond, and why (6a)? Think about the first part of the message he sends to Jesus (6b–7a); why is he trying to stop him from coming to his house?
4. Read verse 7b. How do these words reveal his faith? Read his explanation (8); what is he trying to say here?
5. Note how Jesus responds; why is it unusual for him to “marvel” (9a)? What does he say to the crowd, and why (9b)? Note the other non-Jewish people he has mentioned (4:25–27). What is Luke trying to tell us? In the end, what happens (10)?
6. Review the various aspects of the centurion’s faith; what can we learn from him?