

1. OBSERVATIONS: **Read** all of Luke 7. We're well into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Jesus' ministry.

Along with noting the location and time references, note every occurrence of these:

- a. Jesus (include all pronouns) –
- b. Die, dead, dying, etc. –
- c. Faith –
- d. Disciples –
- e. John –
- f. Weeping, tears, etc. –
- g. Go in peace –

### **Luke 7:1-10 – The Centurion's Servant**

2. Where was Jesus? What is the Centurion's plea, sent to Jesus? (v. 3) What is the word that is used and what does it mean? Why do you think Luke uses this particular word?
  
3. For what reason did the Jewish Elders think that Jesus should grant the Centurion's plea? (v. 5) What was it that prompted Jesus to respond to the request? (vs. 7 & 9) What is the importance (application) you see in the contrast here?
  
4. Can you identify a universal, spiritual truth that the Centurion understood, but which most people do not understand? (Hint: consider Romans 13:1-2 and Ephesians 5:21-22)
  
5. Jesus recognized the Centurion's faith. What did the Centurion believe about Jesus?

### **7:11-17 – The Widow of Nain**

6. Locate Nain on a map. Where is it in relation to Capernaum? Verse 17 refers to “the surrounding district.” What “district” was that? Why was Jesus in Nain, with His disciples?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Matthew also includes the account of John sending his disciples to Jesus. (Matt. 11:2-19) However, no other Gospel writer includes this event (Lk. 7:11-17) in their accounts. Why do you think Luke reports on this relatively short episode? (cf. vs. 18 & 21)

### **7:18-30 – Inquiry from John the Baptizer**

8. Was John really questioning whether or not Jesus was the Messiah? What was his circumstances? What was prompting John's questions?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Why do you think that Luke inserted v. 21 where he did in the account?