

“The Compassion of Jesus”

Luke 7:1-17

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1. Think of the compassion of Christ in your life. When have you known the kindness of Jesus in your life? For most, our salvation is a clear example. Maybe there are times you've had a specific answer to a prayer, or simply learned something about Christ that makes you think of His compassion. Share what you have.
2. After reading the text, compare and contrast the two stories. Make a list of similarities and differences:
3. What did the elders say about the centurion?
4. How did the centurion demonstrate his faith?
5. How does our faith show itself in a similar fashion? In other words, how is our faith most like what we see expressed from the centurion?
6. How might our prayers be different with a stronger faith in God and trusting Him for what we are seeking and asking of Him? Are we holding back on God?

7. What was unique about the widow's condition that called for Jesus to have such compassion?

8. No doubt we too have needs and see needs around us that could use some compassion. What situation in your life, specifically a person, needs compassion from you right now? How can we encourage each other to be compassionate like Jesus is?

9. Notice Jesus didn't judge the centurion based on what the elders said. Nor did he judge the widow's condition. He simply stepped in and cared. Why do we tend to judge first? How can we be more compassionate to those around us?

10. How can our growing compassion for others affect things at home? How about at work and school? How would a greater compassion show itself at church.

Let's ask God to grow us to be more like Him and see our faith grow, praying for Him to do His best work ever!