

## “Jesus Affirms and Enlightens”

Luke 7:18-35

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Have you ever had times when you've doubted God's activity? Sure you have. Maybe without doubting God's existence or our home in heaven, we sometimes wonder what He's doing and we might wander a little in our doubts.

1. Talk about a time your faith was challenged and you wondered where God was. (I know this is vulnerable and maybe not all are ready to share, but those that are, give it some time.)
2. What was John the Baptist's main ministry focus? What verses tell us what he was called to do? Be sure to check out John 3:30 also.
3. Does it seem odd that a person so highly favored by Jesus would dare to ask, “are you still the One?” How does that make you feel about your questions?
4. Describe the differences between the disciples of John and of Jesus? Why was this important? Luke 5
5. John had a unique ministry. From what we can understand, what did John think Jesus was going to do? How was this disappointing to him? How does this line up with what we think Jesus “should” do or what we thought he “would” do by now?

6. How did Jesus affirm John by His answer in Luke 7:22-23
7. Read Luke 7:24-28. Why did Jesus need to enlighten the followers to what John's real ministry was? How did this help them?
8. How did Jesus honor John, by what he said about him?
9. When we have a good understanding of what Jesus is doing and has done, does it help us understand what we're going through? (Read Phil 1:6 and Rom 8:28) Any examples you'd like to share?
10. What does Luke 7:28 say about us? Explain.
11. Consider the statement Pastor Mark said about us being like John: ***If Jesus said John is greatest so far, b/c he introduced the Son of God and His redemptive work, what does that say about our role in telling someone about this same Savior?***

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Pray for one another to be affirmed in your faith and encouraged in trusting God's work and God's timing.