

# LUKE 7: 1-17

## COMPELLING FAITH

### about the text

#### social status

Notice the role of **hierarchy** and **power** in the story. Pay attention to **Jesus' response** to the different characters: a Roman Centurion, a servant, and a Jewish woman.

#### emotional tone

"**fear** seized the all" (vs 16)

Consider your own **emotions** and **thoughts** as you read.

#### the culmination

"I tell you, not even in Israel have I found **such faith**."

-Jesus

Read the story aloud together.

### activity + discussion

Divide into two groups.



One group will discuss the story from the perspective of her widow and her dead son.



The other group will discuss the story from the perspective of the group following Jesus after he healed the centurion's servant.

What you were feeling, thinking, and experiencing before Jesus offers healing?

What you were feeling, thinking, and experiencing after Jesus resurrects the dead man in the funeral procession?

### Closing Reflection Questions

Do you believe that God looks at your life and feels compassion for you?

Why or why not?

What else does God feel?

All of us will experience (or have experienced) a moment of hopelessness, when it feels like all is lost.

Thinking about what you have studied and discussed today, and consider how you might ask God to work in your life and in the lives of those you love in the moments.