

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,  
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

## WHEN DOUBTS COME

LUKE 7:18-35 | MAY 24 & 25, 2014

John the Baptist had announced baptism, repentance and the coming of Jesus. This landed him in the jail from which he sends his followers to find Jesus. He may once have thought Jesus was on his side, but the longer he remains imprisoned and the longer Jesus wanders about with indifference to his situation, the more his doubts grow. "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

### WITH THE GROUP



#### LEANING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Describe a time when you most doubted God's concern for your situation?



#### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

How much time do you think transpired between John's disciples' question (v. 20) and Jesus' SPOKEN response (v. 22-23)? Use your imagination to picture the scene as Jesus LIVED OUT a response?

Should Jesus be finding John the Baptist and trying to get him out of prison? Does it seem right that he is going about other business? Why is it important that Jesus speak the words of Luke 7:28?



#### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Luke 7:29-30 suggests 2 different responses to Jesus. How were the responses different and how can you apply this to the way people might love Jesus in the 21st century?



#### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Jesus must have been challenged always to distinguish between what he COULD do and what he SHOULD do? How do you prioritize life when you face this challenge? How does Jesus prioritize?

What behaviors, thoughts or practices help you press on in faith even while your circumstances seem to suggest God has forgotten you?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

What is the meaning of Luke 7:31-32 and how is it demonstrated in the attitudes of the Pharisees? Read these passages to help formulate the response: Mark 3:1-6, Matthew 22:15-32, John 7:53-8:12

#### GRADUATE LEVEL

Consider these verses from Isaiah, while looking at Jesus' answer to John's disciples. In what ways is this truly a helpful answer for John the Baptist? (Isaiah 26:19, 29:18ff, 35:5ff, 61:1-3) Also consider Luke 4.