

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE **SOVEREIGN LORD**
DISCOVERING JESUS
THE MAN WHO IS GOD

Group Discussion Guide

In our time together in the book of Luke, we want to discover Jesus, the man who is God, in a fresh way. Each week we will be discovering a new aspect of who Jesus is and how we fulfilled God's redemptive plan for all creation.

STARTER

Over the past few weeks we have seen a theme emerge from the Gospel of Luke. That theme is faith in Jesus. So before we get into our main scripture let's take a few minutes to ask, "What is faith?" (As you define, you don't necessarily have to define it from a Christian stance. Really dig down and define what faith is in our lives.)

How can you figure out what a person has faith in?

If we are called to follow Jesus by faith, we must begin to understand what that means. Together let's discover Jesus as the sovereign lord worthy of our faith.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE

Please take a few moments to read Luke 7:1-10.

This passage focuses on the nameless centurion. What are some of things that are said of the centurion's character? Even though we don't know this man, what does these things tell us about what kind of person he was.

If you need to read again Luke 7:6-8. What does this message tell us about what the centurion believed about Jesus?

What was Jesus response to the faith of the centurion? What is the implication of Jesus' statement in Luke 7:9?

MAKING IT REAL

What was the connection between the centurions stated beliefs and actions? How does this connection demonstrate faith?

What can we learn from the faith of the centurion for our own faith in Jesus?

DISCOVERING JESUS

In order to have faith in something, we have to take action steps toward what we believe. We can know about something, we can even believe in something that we cannot see, but until we take

actions toward living in that belief it is not faith. What is so integral about the connection between faith and actions?

As we consider this in our lives, what aspects of our lives do we need to surrender to Jesus in faith? What prayers...what confessions...what doubts...what pains do we need to entrust to Jesus? (Rather than answer this one in a large group setting, it may be beneficial to break into smaller groups of men and women, or even pairs if you feel led, and ask them to pray for these things and to surrender them to God. This would be a good opportunity to reiterate the final questions from the sermon, "What do you need to trust Jesus with today?")