

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 7: Compassion, Healing, and Forgiveness of a Christ-Centered Person

Read Luke 7 and write a brief overview:

Questions to consider:

1. How do you feel when you encounter or see someone sick and in need? Be honest!
2. How do you feel when you encounter someone who is very sinful? Be honest!
3. Beyond how you “feel,” how do you usually respond?
4. How can a compassionate, faithful Christian help people in need? BE SPECIFIC!

Read the following excerpts from Luke 7. HOW should compassion, healing, and forgiveness be the way of life for people who live a Christ-centered life?

Luke 7:7-10 But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Luke 7:13-16 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

Luke 7:20-23 When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'" At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Luke 7:47-50 I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Summarize what Luke 7 taught you about living the Christ-centered life.