



# PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM

*Anticipating the Defeat of Disease*

LUKE 7:1-10

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1. See \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10)

2. Get \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-9)

3. Respond \_\_\_\_\_

**1** After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. **2** Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. **3** When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. **4** And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, **5** for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." **6** And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. **7** Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. **8** For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **9** When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." **10** And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well. (ESV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Genesis 3:16-19** and **Revelation 21:1-4**. How does reading these "bookend texts" help you get your experience in this present world in perspective?
2. Read **Isaiah 53:1-6**. Why, from an Old Testament perspective, would this image of the coming Messiah be difficult to fit into one's expectation, given most of the other "victorious" promises about the coming King?
3. Read **Hebrews 12:5-11** and **1 Corinthians 11:30-31**. What would you say to someone who chides you for even considering the possibility that an illness might be God's discipline in your life?
4. Read **Luke 7:1-10**. In reviewing the attitude and actions of the centurion, what stands out as clear evidence of the work God had done in preparing his heart to encounter Christ?
5. Read **James 1:2-5** and **1 Peter 1:3-7**. How can these two passages provide perspective the next time you experience a painful physical illness?

## ***The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:***

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

### **March 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.28 & Mk.15:27-47*

### **March 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.29-30 & Mk.16*

### **March 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.31-32 & Lk.1:1-23*

### **March 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut.33-34 & Lk.1:24-56*

### **March 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Josh.1-3 & Lk.1:57-80*

### **March 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Josh.4-6 & Lk.2:1-24*

### **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Josh.7-8 & Lk.2:25-52*

### **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Josh.9-10 & Lk.3*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).*

Msg. # 13-23 – ***Urgency & True Importance***

Msg. # 13-25 – ***Sorrow & Profound Celebrations***

Msg. # 10-15 – ***Why Being Heavenly-Minded Does a World of Good***

Msg. # 13-37 – ***When Life Really Hurts***

Msg. # 13-19 – ***Jesus as Deliverer***

Msg. # 04-25 – ***A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made***

Msg. # 07-28 – ***Recognizing & Responding to God's Correction***

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Alcorn, Randy. ***Heaven***. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

Bounds, E. M. ***The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer***. Baker Books, 1990.

Carson, D. A. ***How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil***. Baker Books, 1990.

Chantry, Walter. ***Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New***. Banner of Truth, 1973.

Edgar, Thomas R. ***Miraculous Gifts: Are They For Today?*** Wipf and Stock, 1983.

Fabarez, Mike. ***Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt***. Harvest House, 2014.

Feinberg, John A. ***Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering***. Crossway Books, 1997.

Hutchinson, John. ***Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong: Biblical Wisdom for Surviving Tough Times***. Kregel, 2005.

Lewis, C. S. ***The Problem of Pain***. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.

Lutz, Susan. ***Thankfulness: Even When It Hurts***. P & R, 2002.

Mayhue, Richard. ***The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?*** Mentor Books, 1997.

McClain, Alva J. ***The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God***. BMH Books, 1959.

Stowell, Joseph. ***Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures***. Moody Press, 1995.

Strauss, Lehman. ***Sense and Nonsense About Prayer***. Moody Press, 1974.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. ***Heaven: Your Real Home***. Zondervan, 1997.