

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 6-19-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Have you ever been confused about a decision of a boss, child, parent or employee? What was it and why was it confusing?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Read aloud Luke 7:1-35 - Faith of the Centurion

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Who are the people in your life you are under? Over? What are the ways you fulfill your place in both arenas?
2. With the Centurion, the Widow, and even John the Baptist Jesus does or says something relatively unexpected. What are they here? How many times in the Bible can you think of where Jesus' words or actions didn't make sense to people? Why would He operate like that?
3. What does this teach us about God's character or attributes?
4. Read Romans 9:16-24. How would you describe God from these words? What character trait or traits describe God from these words?
5. Where are the places in your life where you may be surprised by God's response to you or your expectation of what He would, could or should do?
6. How does God's power, the power of Jesus, impact your response to Him?
7. Read aloud again verses 31-35? What part of Jesus do his enemies not get? What is it that you need to realize about Jesus, according to this study?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what seems most important for you to remember? Why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?