



# DIGGING DEEPER

WEEK 4: Kingdom Calling

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you, and your LifeGroup.

**PRAY** [Have someone in your group open in prayer.]

## MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we continued our series *Kingdom Life* with a message on the relationship between the Kingdom of God and power. We learned about how all kingdoms are run with power and just how different the Kingdom of God is run and how we can learn to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit.

## KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

"When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup> There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. <sup>3</sup> The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup> When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, <sup>5</sup> because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." <sup>6</sup> So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. <sup>7</sup> That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup> 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."

<sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. **[Luke 7:1-10 NIV]**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message or key scripture?
2. If possible, describe a time in your life when you had faith like the centurion. What about a time where you really doubted the authority or power of Christ?
3. Take a look at the contrast between the centurion and John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-28). What stands out to you about John's sudden doubt of Jesus' authority and power? Remember Luke 7:9.
4. For you, what would it look like to have a spirit empowered faith?
5. If you had to rate the authority of Christ in your life on a scale of 1-10, what would it be? Would you say that your life and faith reflects your rating? What could you do to improve, or how could you help others improve?

**PRAY** [Close your time in prayer. Allow time to pray for any needs in your group.]