

1. What stood out to you from the sermon?

**Read Luke 7:18-35**

2. What stands out to you as you read through the passage?
3. Check Matthew 4:12 and Mark 1:14 and consider John's location when he sends messengers to Jesus. What do you think is on John's mind?
4. Read Luke 6:20-26 and consider: how does John's present state match what Jesus has proclaimed about the kingdom?
5. John's doubt leads Jesus to display an incredible series of miracles. What are the miracles Jesus listed. Which of those do we still see at work today? (hint, there is one that is still explicitly happening today)
6. After hearing the questions, displaying his power, and responding to John's disciples, how does Jesus speak of John to the crowds who are around him?
7. Is John's doubt what John is remembered for? Why or why not? What can we learn from this?
8. Who are the ones who respond well to the message Jesus has in the passage? What sets them apart from those who respond poorly?
9. Consider the final few verses and the criticisms against John and Jesus. Where do they fall apart logically?
10. How do these compare to modern criticisms you hear against Christians and the Gospel?
11. What is the encouragement Jesus gives to end this passage?
12. As you read this passage, if you are a follower of Jesus, you are greater than John the Baptist according to the words Jesus says in this passage. That greatness does not mean anything worth bragging about, but should be an awe inspiring reminder of what God accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Take time to consider the greatness you have received in Christ. Write out a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for what he has done.
13. Take some time to end in prayer by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.