



STUDY GUIDE

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[setting it up]

Share about a time when you were stranded or in need of rescue/help. If you can't think of a situation, what is a search and rescue mission that you remember from the headlines that was captivating to you?

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 19:10 and 1 Timothy 1:15. There are various views as to why Jesus came to earth, but what is clearly the reason He came?

Read Luke 7:1-17.

Explain how each of these scenarios demonstrates Christ's search and rescue mission.

How are the healings of the centurion's servant and the widow's son similar? How are they different?

What barriers did Jesus break through in order to minister to the centurion and heal his servant?

What barriers did Jesus break through in order to minister to the widow and her son?

How is compassion a factor in Christ's efforts to minister to these people in need?

Although we do not see a profession of faith in these verses, how do they fit into Jesus's overall strategy to "seek and save the lost"?

Brainstorm for a couple of minutes about barriers we experience when it comes to being more effective in seeking out the lost.

What are some direct parallels, lessons learned, and applications you see from these verses for:

- you as a person?
- your family?
- your LifeGroup?
- us as a church?

[living it out]

Jesus models for us the breaking of barriers around Him in order to seek and save. From the brainstorm list above (or one not on that list), what is one of your greatest barriers to being more faithful as a team member on Jesus' "search and rescue" team? Write it here: _____

How is compassion (or a lack of) a factor in this specific barrier?

What are 2-3 ways you can break through that barrier? Think of practical actions or steps and write them here (think of how compassion can play a role):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Close your time in prayer asking Christ to help you break through barriers and to grow you in His compassion as you dedicate yourself to live for His search and rescue mission..