**THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS’ WORD**

Luke 7:1-17

Key Verse 7:7b “But say the word, and my servant will be healed.”

1. What is a centurion? What was the status of servants or slaves in the Roman Empire? What is unusual about this centurion’s attitude toward his dying servant? (1-2)

2. What might the centurion have heard about Jesus? Why did he ask Jesus to come and heal his servant through the elders of the Jews? (3) What was unusual about the Jewish elders’ attitude toward Jesus and the centurion? (4-5)

3. Why did the centurion ask Jesus not come to his house? (6-8) Describe his attitude toward Jesus’ word. How did his soldier training affect his understanding of the authority of Jesus' word?

4. Why was Jesus so amazed at the centurion’s faith? (9)

5. What was the atmosphere of the town called Nain? (11-13) What were Jesus’ words to the dead boy? (14c) What can we learn about the authority and power of Jesus’ word? (Jn 5:28-29a; 11:25)