Approaching the King

Luke 7:1-10

To approach the King...

Reach out with _____.

- Reach out with _____.
 - o In His ______.

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QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- 1. How would you describe your prayer life? Explain. In your mind, what constitutes a "healthy" prayer life? In light of today's message, how might your perception change?
- 2. James 5:16 says that "the prayer of a *righteous* person is powerful and effective." But in Luke 7, the centurion says "I'm not worthy" even though he has an impressive moral resume. How do you reconcile this tension between righteousness and humility when approaching God in prayer?
- 3. Chris talked about Jesus' willingness to help the Centurion's servant. Do you believe that God desires what is best for you? Explain your answer.
- 4. The Centurion believed that Jesus possesses *all* authority. Do you struggle to believe this? Explain your answer.
- 5. Prayerlessness can usually be traced to one of two errors: thinking too highly of ourselves (that we can handle life on our own), or thinking too lowly of God (that He isn't perfectly good or sovereign). Which of these keeps you from praying more?
- 6. Who is someone you know that you would call "a person of prayer"? Would you consider asking for their help and guidance in your pursuit of God in this area?