

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Scripture: Luke 7:18-35



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the messiah who fulfilled God's redemptive plans heralded by his prophets and calls sinners to repentance and faith in his atoning work.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- How does this passage connect with the previous verses of this chapter?
- Who was John the Baptist? What was his lifestyle like, and what unique role did he play in God's plan of redemption (verse 27)?
- Although John had previously recognized Jesus as the Christ, why did he ask for Jesus' identity? How did Jesus respond (verses 22-23; Isaiah 29:18, 35:5, 61:1)?
- Where can we turn when pain, confusion, and doubts blind us from God's plans, purposes, and providence? What's the difference between honest and dishonest doubts?
- Why did Jesus state that John was the greatest of the prophets (verse 28)? And yet, why are those who come after John greater than him?
- What were the two responses of the crowds (verses 29-30)?
- Discuss the meaning of Jesus' parable (verses 31-35). Are you quick to criticize and complain when your plans aren't met, or do you align yourself with God's good and glorious purposes?