

## ***Greatest Prophet***

### **Luke 7:18-35**

#### **Getting Started**

- 1) **Your Greatest Person.** Who is the greatest person you've ever known? In your opinion, what made him/her great and do you think others would agree with you? Now read Luke 7:18-35 and find out who Jesus considered great.

#### **Getting into the Bible**

- 2) **Last Minute Doubts.** Read Luke 7:16-23. a) John the Baptist was in prison when he sent his followers to question Jesus. Why do you think he had them ask this question? b) Based on His answer, who did Jesus claim to be? Is His answer enough to convince you that He is who He said He was?
  
- 3) **The Greatest Prophet.** Read Luke 7:24-30. a) How did John fulfill prophecy and what was it about him that Jesus considered great? b) What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "The one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than John?" Does this mean that you are greater than John?
  
- 4) **A Childish Generation.** Read Luke 7:31-35. a) Explain what Jesus meant by likening His generation to children in the marketplace. Was it a compliment or a criticism? b) Is our generation better, worse, or the same? Why?

#### **Getting Personal and Practical**

- 5) **Examples to Emulate.** We all need role models to inspire us to new levels of growth. a) Based on what Jesus said about John, what quality will you copy from his example? b) Based on what Jesus said about His generation, which of their qualities will you warn our church and culture not to adopt? Why?