

THE GOSPEL

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A Widow and her Son | Luke 7:11-17

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we walked through the story of Jesus raising a widow's son from the dead and examined what this episode reveals about the character and mission of Jesus.

R E A D

Luke 7:11-17

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

- 1) How do you see this story fitting in to the overall theme of 'No More Outsiders' in the Gospel of Luke? What details in the story stand out as significant in what Luke is aiming to communicate?

In the sermon, we talked about how reading miracle stories like this one, while faith building in one way, can also bring up feelings of disillusionment. We can ask why Jesus doesn't resuscitate our loved ones in the same way now and if wonder if he has compassion on us like he did on the widow.

- 2) What do you think is the reason for these healing encounters in the Gospels? What larger message is being communicated or foreshadowed in the earthly mission and miracles of Jesus? How do you reconcile what you read in Luke with your experiences in life now?

- 3) What does this story reveal about Jesus and his way of life for you? What invitation do you hear him asking you to respond to out of this story?

R E S P O N D

Sit with the story and be honest about all the things it makes you feel.

Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate what you are to pay particular attention to.

Discern with others how you want to respond to what the Spirit has revealed.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

