



# When Death Meets Jesus

## Luke 7:11-17

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus, moved by compassion and exercising great power, stops death in tracks resulting in the praise and glory that he is due.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

### OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

### REVIEW

- Have someone read **Luke 7.11-17**
- What is the significance of the young man being the only son of a widow?
- Why does Jesus reach out to touch the bier? What is the significance that they stopped?
- Why does Jesus give him back to his mother?
- Discuss the contrast between how Jesus deals with this widow and how he deals with the Pharisees?
- What was the purpose of the crowd?
- How do the responses of fear and worship go together?

### APPLICATION

- What do you think about the fact that Jesus had "great compassion" on the widow?
- What are you most impacted by: Jesus' great compassion or Jesus' great power?
- How have you seen/experienced his great power or compassion? How would you like to see/experience it?
- Who do you relate too most in the story: The dead man? The grieving widow? The fearful crowd? Why?
- What does Jesus' work teach us about what we should do?
- How can we show compassion to each other and our neighbors?
- Does God's glory inspire fear in you? Do you ever respond to God with simultaneous fear and worship? Why or why not?
- What is the relationship between worship and witnessing? How can we grow in these areas?

### PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?