



## **Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**

Topic: *Jesus is Always Compassionate*

Text: Luke 7:11-17

Service Date: April 13, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### **Getting Started**

- What's been the most unique thing ever happen to you at a funeral or a wedding?
- The sermon title was "Jesus is Always Compassionate". Do you find compassion is something that comes easily to you or an area in which you struggle?

### **Sermon Discussion**

- Take a moment to read Luke 7:11-17. From the passage or Sunday's sermon, what things spoke to your heart?
- The widow in the story had already lost her husband. She now loses her son. Often, brokenness can lead to a sense of feeling helpless; yet, we've all been broken at some point. Have you ever had a time in your life (even possibly right now) when you felt helpless? How did you end up overcoming that feeling or stage in life?
- As soon as Jesus walks into Nain, He sees the dead son of the woman. God put Jesus in the right place at the right time, with the right people. Have you ever seen God work like this in your own life? What does this teach us about everyday experiences? Are there ever any coincidences?
- The first words Jesus says to the mother are "Don't cry". What does this say about our need to identify with those to who are trying to impact prior to "taking action"? Do you see a difference between needing to first be present in a moment with those who are hurting before you take action vs. wanting to immediately take action before being present?

- If Jesus hadn't addressed the mother before raising the son back to life telling her "Don't cry", how do you think this would have changed the dynamic/impact of what happened?
- Paul noted in the sermon, "This widow was about to meet Jesus in her pain. She was about to see hope in action. And if you are suffering today with some of kind of pain, will you keep holding on? You just might turn the corner and suddenly see Jesus offering you hope." If someone was/is going through a season of pain, what should be the "Jesus' approach" to someone who would like to offer compassion to the one hurting?
- Do you think there is a difference between worldly compassion and Godly compassion? Does the end result change based upon the type of compassion given?
- The Gospel writer Luke thought it was important to share the story. Why should this story impact us in our world today?
- Why is it important for us to know that Jesus felt "splagna", compassion, multiple times throughout the Gospels?
- Is there a person in your life who needs to receive extra compassion? How can you help them receive it this week? (Make a specific plan for what you will do and when you will do it.)

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**Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?**

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