

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Luke 7:11-17

Review

- What is the biggest way you've changed since you were a child? In what way are you still the same?
- As you grow older, what is one quality you hope to retain?
- When did someone show you compassion/love like Jesus?
- What THREE words best describe your faith in Jesus?

Remind

- Where did this event take place (v.11)? See map overleaf.
- What did Jesus encounter (v.12)? Identify those present.
- How did Jesus respond to what He saw (v.13)? What did Jesus say and to whom?
- How close did Jesus get to what He encountered (v.14)? Why did Jesus' actions make Him ceremonially unclean? (See Numbers 19:11 and 16).
- What happened when Jesus spoke to the young man (v.15)? What TWO things did the young man do?
- How did the onlookers respond to what happened (v.16)?
- How far did news of this event spread (v.17)?

Respond

- This is 1 of 3 instances of Jesus raising someone from the dead. Read also Luke 8:40-56, and John 11:38-44. Identify any major differences and similarities.
- "*Without a male protector and provider [the widow] must have been in difficulties.*" (Leon Morris, Bible Commentary). Do you think we are more open to God's love when we are in difficulties? Why?
- How would you share about the love of God to someone who has recently been bereaved? Is there a time when it is better to be with someone, rather than to say anything?
- You could end by reading together Luke 7:13

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Jesus raises a widow's son

¹¹ Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don't cry.'

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!' ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. 'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said.

'God has come to help his people.' ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

