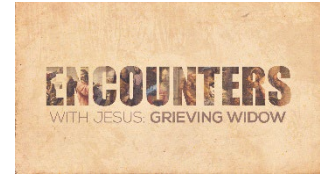


Encounters with Jesus

Grieving Widow

Luke 7:11-17

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Opening Thought Questions:

How can Jesus' encounter with a grieving widow encourage hope even from within the depths of our own suffering, grief, and despair?

(11-12) An Occasion for Grief,

(13-15) Is Opportunity for Compassion,

Compassion = _____.

Experiencing the compassion of Jesus from within our grief...

- 1) He is _____.
- 2) He sees and knows _____.
- 3) We can _____ to him.
- 4) His love is filled with _____.
- 5) His words will give _____ and _____ to _____, _____, and _____.

Help for when we grieve...

- 1) God is constant and without _____.
- 2) Jesus proves God's _____.
- 3) Jesus' words restore _____ and _____.
- 4) Jesus is Lord over _____ and _____.
- 5) We are _____ with Jesus.

(16-17) Let God be glorified.

Trusting Jesus with our grief...

- 1) He has the _____ to _____ us.
- 2) His promise is to _____.
- 3) He gives hope to _____ and _____ so we can _____ and _____ endure.

Next Week: Encounters with Jesus – Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17-27)

Further Study

Defender of the Widow
Ps. 68:4-5;
82:3; 146:9
Is. 1:17-23
Zech. 7:9-10
Ex. 22:22-24
Dt. 14:28-29;
10:18; 27:19
Job 29:12-13
Jer. 7:5-7
Jms. 1:27

Compassion in Luke
7:11-17
10:25-37
15:11-32

Life Restored
1 Kgs. 17:23-24
2 Kgs. 4:8-37

Is. 41:10

Beauty from Ashes:
The Book of Ruth

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<p style="text-align: center;">Encounters with Jesus</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Grieving Widow</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lk. 7:11-17</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> -Luke 7:11-17</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share with the group or journal about a time when you recognized the presence and power of Jesus from within a season of grief. 2. What moves Jesus to involve himself in this funeral procession? (vs. 13) How does compassion work? Discuss how compassion is related to our spiritual growth and maturity as disciples of Jesus. 3. Why is it sometimes uncomfortable or unsettling to demonstrate compassion to those in need? What holds us back? 4. Observe and dialogue or journal about how the words of Jesus and the miracle that he performs transforms the attitude and redirects the movement of the funeral procession. 5. Reflecting on this miracle, involving the demonstration of Jesus' compassion and power, what is encouraging and hopeful for our own seasons of grief? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Defender of the Widow Ps. 68:4-5; 82:3; 146:9 Is. 1:17-23 Zech. 7:9-10 Ex. 22:22-24 Dt. 14:28-29; 10:18; 27:19 Job 29:12-13 Jer. 7:5-7 Jms. 1:27</p> <p>Compassion in Luke 7:11-17 10:25-37 15:11-32</p> <p>Life Restored 1 Kgs. 17:23-24 2 Kgs. 4:8-37 Is. 41:10</p> <p>Beauty from Ashes: The Book of Ruth</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>