

# People Jesus met

## Week 1 A widow Luke 7:11-17

### Small group questions

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**Leaders:** choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

- When have you experienced personally, something of Jesus' deep compassion for you?

#### Jesus' Compassion

1. In the passage, Jesus' heart goes out to the widow in her grief. How does this display of compassion speak to your understanding of Jesus' character?
2. Reflecting on your own life, where have you experienced or felt Jesus' compassion? How did that shape your faith or perspective?
3. How can we, as followers of Jesus, show compassion to those around us who are suffering or grieving? What practical steps can we take as a small group or individuals?

#### Jesus' Authority

1. Jesus simply speaks, and the dead man is brought back to life. What does this reveal about the authority of Jesus? How does this challenge or strengthen your faith?
2. In what ways have you experienced Jesus' authority in your life, especially in situations that seemed beyond hope?
3. How can recognising Jesus' authority over all things – including life and death – change the way we approach difficult circumstances or decisions?

#### The Response

1. The crowd was filled with awe and spread the news about Jesus. What might prevent us today from responding with similar awe and enthusiasm?
  2. How can we cultivate a sense of awe and wonder at what Jesus has done and is doing in our lives and community?
  3. The people in the passage couldn't keep the news about Jesus to themselves. How can we be more intentional about sharing the good news of Jesus with others in our daily lives? What holds us back, and how can we overcome those barriers?
- As we reflect on Jesus' compassion, authority, and the people's response, how can we personally and collectively live in a way that reflects the awe, praise, and boldness seen in this passage? What steps can we take this week to share the good news of Jesus with others?

*Lord Jesus, we are in awe of your great compassion and the authority you have over life and death. Thank you for the hope and new life you have given us. Help us to live each day with the same awe and joy that the people in Nain experienced, and give us the boldness to share your love and truth with those around us. May we be faithful witnesses to your power and your presence in our lives. In your name we pray, Amen.*