

Living Connections Bible Study



Weep Not!

Prayer

Text: Luke 7:11-17

Icebreaker: If you have been to funeral and memorial services for both believers and unbelievers describe the difference. What were some of the most encouraging memorials you can remember?

1. Nain mean's *pleasant*. Today this village might be called *Pleasantville*. What tragedy affects every community and every family no matter how pleasant?
Luke 7:11; Genesis 3:23-24; Romans 5:12; 1 Kings 2:1-2; Hebrews 9:27

2. Why was it so important for Jesus to walk 22 miles from Capernaum where He healed the Centurion's servant one day to Nain the next?
Luke 7:1, 11-12; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

3. Describe the severity of this dear woman's bereavement? V. 12

4. What evidence do we discover in verse 12 that she had a strong community support network? And how important is it for us to find the same by being part of a local church? Hebrews 10:24-25; James 1:27; Galatians 6:10

5. Put yourself in the shoes of this grieving heartbroken widow. What right did this stranger, Jesus, have to interrupt the funeral procession she was leading and tell her not to weep? Verse 13; Jeremiah 8:21-22

6. Does Jesus feel the pain and grief of those who are bereaved?
Hebrews 4:15; John 11:32-36

7. As representatives of Jesus, does He want us to feel the pain, grief and sorrow of others? 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 6:10; Philippians 2:1-2; Romans 12:15; Hebrews 13:3

8. How did Jesus demonstrate that He is the Prince of Life with power over death?
Verses 14-15; John 5:25-29; 11:25-26, 43-44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16

9. What was the response of the crowd that day when Jesus raised this young man to life? Verses 16-17

10. Discuss the great event we are looking forward to as believers, and how these promises give us hope and are a source of great comfort to loved ones and fellow believers who have been bereaved of their loved ones?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Revelation 21:4

Think about it this week:

*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep (die),
but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.*

*For this corruptible body must put on incorruption,
and this mortal dying body must put on immortality (eternal life).
So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality,
then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:*

Death is swallowed up in victory.

*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?
The sting that brings death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

~1 Corinthians 15:51-58