



Sermon Discussion Guide

Love Walked Among Us: The Teacher

Luke 7:11-17

April 10 & 11, 2021

Part 1: Pray

The primary goal for our Life Group meetings is to *experience Jesus in our midst in his presence and power*. We want him to be at work by His Spirit ministering to us and through us to one another so that people are cared for, encouraged to lead God-pleasing lives and equipped to be the faithful presence of Jesus' love in the world. Ask God to reveal his truth in this passage to transform you through your discussion time.

Part 2: Read the Text

Read the passage from the sermon. Keep a focus on key words, repeated phrases, or major themes.

Part 3: Reflect on the Sermon

Introduction

1. We all need teachers. What are some areas of life where you still need instruction?

2. Consider the following Dallas Willard quote:

The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heart-breaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as "Christians" will become disciples – students, apprentices, practitioners – *of Jesus Christ*, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence. Will they break out of the churches to be his Church – to be, without human force or violence, his mighty force for good on earth?

Are you a disciple of Jesus?

The Teacher: Jesus Sees People

1. Can you recreate the scene of the funeral procession coming out of Nain? What would it have been like to be there?
2. Why was it particularly hard to lose a son as a widow in Jesus' day?
3. How does the desire to be seen by our parents point to our desire to be seen by God? Why is this so important to us?

The Teacher: Jesus Feels Compassion

1. How does Jesus show that he had compassion on the widow? What did people observe, even before he said or did anything, that would have let them know he was moved by her plight? What do you think it looked like?
2. How is Jesus teaching you to have compassion? Can you think of specific examples this past week when you felt called to have compassion? Did you heed the call? How did it play out?

The Teacher: Jesus Takes Action

1. Loving people will always cost you something. Like what? What kind of costs might you be called to pay? Are you willing?

2. Ray said that when we were dead (like the son of the widow), Jesus saw us, was moved with compassion, and took action. He touches us and we come to life. What did this cost him?

3. Who might God be calling you to love this week? Can you think of someone who needs your compassionate attention and action?

Part 4: Summarize the Message

How would you summarize the sermon to someone who has not heard it? What are your two or three key takeaways from the message and your discussion? How does this sermon change your perspective on God? Your own heart? And/or, how to follow Jesus?