

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,  
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

## THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD

LUKE 7:11-17 | MAY 10 & 11, 2014

This series began with a look at a centurion who had amazing faith and moved Christ to act. Last week, the series continued in exploring the state of faith in the midst of difficult circumstances. This week, the focus looks at the loving hand of God, moved to act simply on the basis of Christ's love for a broken world. His compassion challenges Christ-followers to become more like him in our daily journey.

### WITH THE GROUP



#### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Have you ever seen God show kindness to people even before they make any move towards him?



#### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

From Pastor Garth's message, how would you describe the fate of childless widows in the time of Jesus?



#### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Has God ever brought "something back from the dead" in your life?

In what areas of your life has Jesus done, "immeasurably more than all you asked or imagined"? (Ephesians 3:18-20)



#### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Can you be a Christ follower (a disciple) without growing deeper compassion for others over time?

How could a person grow in compassion? (i.e. what would change if the "eyes of your heart" were opened? (Ephesians 1:18)

When was the last time you paused in your journey to help someone else?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

How do Luke 19:41-44, John 11:35, and Hebrews 4:14-16 help you understand Christ's heart?

#### GRADUATE LEVEL

In Luke 4, Jesus enters the synagogue and reads from Isaiah 61:1-3. How would you describe Jesus' core mission after reading this passage? To what extent is this mission related to being all-powerful as God (remember Philippians 2:6-8) and to what extent is this related to an obedient walk with the father? What does it mean when Jesus says we will do greater things? (John 14:12) Do you believe this? Is Isaiah 61:1-3 a mission statement for Christ's followers today?