

The Touch

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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The passage we read this week was the story of when Jesus meets the funeral procession of the Widow of Nain's son. It is a sad and hopeless situation for the widow. But Jesus raises her son to life, bringing her hope. The parallel to Jesus own life, death and resurrection is clear in this story. The question to ask is:

How can the resurrection of Jesus give us hope when death causes so much pain?

Scriptures

Luke 7 v 11-17

Luke 22 v 42-44

1John 4 v 18

1Peter 1 v 3-5

John 11 v 25

Hebrews 2 v 14-15

Questions for discussion

1. As you read through the passage in Luke 7 can you identify what Jesus SEES, how he MOVES and what and to who does he GIVE?
2. Jesus brings hope to the funeral crowd because he gives life to the young man. Have you ever attended a funeral where there have been signs of hope in a God who gives eternal life?
3. Are you able to be brave and open enough to share any painful or emotional moments that you are walking through at the moment? (Please be ready to sensitively pray for people to experience the compassion of Jesus, just as he had compassion on the widow.)
4. If we understand the victory that Jesus has won over death as explained in Hebrews 2 v 14-15, how can we then pray for:
 - a) Each other?
 - b) The lost?

Spend some time praying for each other and discuss how as a group you can support those who are suffering or going through a bereavement.