

Sermon Discussion Questions

Power And Compassion – Grant Braaten
22 February 2026
Sermon Text: Luke 7:11-17

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Do you sometimes feel unseen? Overwhelmed? Or that your future is looking bleak? Pastor Grant addresses this in his sermon, **Power and Compassion**, as he looks at the story of the widow of Nain in Luke chapter 7. What happens when the “God Who Sees” steps in and turns things upside down? Let’s dive in and see how power and compassion can completely change the trajectory of your life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to reflect on what you are building your life and faith upon. What was revealed? Did it prompt any change to what you are building on?
2. What is something that jumped out at you from Grant’s message this week?
3. Read Romans 10:17. How do we receive faith?
4. What are some comparisons we see between the widow of Nain (Luke 7) and Hagar (Genesis 16)? What name does Hagar give to the angel of the Lord in Genesis 16:13? Why is this significant? Have you ever had a moment in your life when you felt seen by God? How did it make you feel?
5. The prophetic reveals the secrets of our hearts. (1 Corinthians 14:24-25) How might this understanding help us feel seen by God? How does the use of the prophetic go “off the rails” sometimes? Who becomes the focus here when this happens?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Did you have a favorite Winter Olympics moment?
2. If you could be good at one Winter Olympic event, which one would you choose? Why?
3. Have you ever attended any of the Olympic games?

6. Jesus not only saw the widow of Nain in a physical sense. He saw inside her and felt her pain. His heart drew Him to her. He was moved by compassion and drew near to her. When was the last time you were moved with compassion?

7. Jesus did not stay disconnected but moved close and took action. How are we disconnected? What are some things that keep us disconnected from people and keep us from being able to express compassion?

8. You've probably heard people say before, "If they only had more faith, maybe God would have... ." How does that statement not line up with what happened to the widow in this story? Did the widow demonstrate any faith? Is faith required for God to be moved with compassion and show up and act?

APPLICATION

When was the last time you felt compassion that drew you to someone? Ask God to grant you opportunities this week to show compassion. (I guarantee this is a prayer God will answer). When God presents the opportunity, step into it and lead them to the God who sees them. That one encounter can change their life.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

FINAL THOUGHT

God's willingness to move is not contingent upon our faith.