




Midweek Discussion Guide: “Funeral Interrupted”

 **Key Theme:** When Jesus steps into a situation, everything changes. What seemed dead, hopeless, and final can be transformed by His presence and power.

Opening Question: Have you ever faced a situation that felt final—like there was no way things could change? How did you react? Did you accept it, or did you hold onto hope?


 **Luke 7:11-17** – *"Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. 'Don't cry!' he said. Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. 'Young man,' he said, 'I tell you, get up.' Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother."*

1. Who Are You Following?


 **John 11:25** – *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.'"*

Discussion Questions:

- The funeral procession was following death, but Jesus' followers were following life. How does this compare to the way we live our daily lives?
- What does it mean to truly follow Jesus, not just as a belief, but as a lifestyle?


 **Point to Make:** Our purpose is found in who we follow. If we follow Jesus, we don't just bring life to situations—we bring resurrection power to places of hopelessness.

2. When Jesus Walks In, Everything Changes


 **Isaiah 43:19** – *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

Discussion Questions:

- What are some areas in your life where you need Jesus to interrupt and bring change?
- Why do we sometimes struggle to believe that Jesus can change our situation?


 **Point to Make:** Jesus interrupts hopelessness. Where the world sees an ending, He declares a new beginning!

3. The Power of One Touch


 **Mark 5:27-29** – *"When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.' Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering."*

Discussion Questions:

- The moment Jesus touched the coffin, the funeral was over. What does this teach us about the power of Jesus' presence?
- How can we position ourselves to receive a "touch" from Jesus in our daily lives?


 **Point to Make:** It only takes one touch from Jesus to transform everything. Sorrow turns into joy, despair into hope, and death into life.

4. Closing – Jesus Interrupts the Enemy’s Plans

 **Revelation 1:17-18** – *"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.'"*


Discussion Questions:

- What dreams, hopes, or situations in your life feel like they’ve “died”?
- How can we invite Jesus into those areas to bring restoration and new life?

 **Point to Make:** The funeral was never God’s plan for you—His plan was always the interruption! Jesus didn’t just cancel the funeral; He transformed it into a resurrection celebration.

Closing Thoughts & Challenge:

- Reflect on areas in your life where you need Jesus to step in.
- Make a commitment to seek Him in prayer, worship, and His Word, allowing Him to interrupt your circumstances.

 **Final Thought:** When Jesus steps in, death steps out. His touch is enough to interrupt every hopeless situation and turn it into a testimony! Will you trust Him to do that in your life?

HOLD ON TO HOPE!