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## ▲ WARM UP

Can you tell us any stories of when either you showed someone that you didn't know well, or someone that you didn't know well showed you a random act of kindness?

## ▲ WORD

Read **Luke 7:11-17**

In this passage Jesus exemplifies his heart of outreach by showing up in the small Galilean town of Nain where a widow had just lost her young son, and was in the middle of his funeral procession. We can learn a few things from the way Jesus shows compassion practically by reaching out in such a powerful way:

## ▲ NOTES

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## 1 Outreach must always be Rooted in compassion not performance

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*“And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said, “Do Not Weep.”*

**Luke 17:13** (ESV)

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As Christians who have been saved by the undeserved grace and mercy, we believe much like Jesus, that as God puts us in situations which call for outreach, we must be moved by the same supernatural compassion that Jesus shows us in saving us.

- Based on this passage of Jesus life, how do you think compassion is different from just feeling sorry for someone?
  - How have you experienced compassion in your own life from other people?
  - On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your level of compassion towards people?
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## 2 Compassionate outreach is willing to go beyond any borders

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*Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man, sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”*

**Luke 7:14-16** (ESV)

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The reason why the coffin bearers stood still, and fear seized them all, would most likely not just have been because of the powerful miracle that Jesus had just performed, but also because of the nature of how Jesus performed the miracle.

According to the Mosaic law, it was very unclean for anyone to touch a dead body, but because Jesus heart was to see this boy raised from the dead, that all who would witness the miracle, wouldn't be able to deny the presence and the power of God.

- What would have been your response if you were at the scene and why?
  - How willing would you be to go to the poor, the broken, the disenfranchised, and reach them where they are with love and the Gospel message of Jesus? Why/Why not?
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## ▲ PRAYER

- Pray for Christs compassion to flow into your life, and from your life to others.
- Pray that God would lead you to people who need the compassion of Christ to be shown so that they might know the love of Christ.

As you pray, write down the names of people that God may be showing you to show his love to, and commit to getting time to show the love of Christ, and to preach His gospel to them.

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