

THE LORD OF LIFE

Luke 7:11-17

Message-based Small Group Lesson

Opening

1. Allow sixty seconds for the group to list all the expressions they can think of that include the words "dead," "death," "dying" or "die" in them.
2. What circumstances usually cause us to think about death?
3. Have you thought about death lately or do you try to avoid thinking about it? Explain.
4. Why do you think death is so emotionally painful for us?

Interaction with the text

1. As you read Luke 7:11-17, what was the impact of this man's death on his mother? On the community?

2. How does the reality of death shape the way we think about life?
3. Another great demonstration of Jesus lordship over death is found in the story of Lazarus. Read John 11:1-44.
4. How does Jesus use this event as a teaching opportunity about himself (see John 11:25)?

Application to life

1. Do you know that you have victory over death? If so, how?
2. How can knowing that Jesus has the power to raise you up from the dead help you live your life now?
3. Do you think that knowing that Jesus has victory over death could make you look at those around you differently? Explain.