

## Reflection Questions: Luke 7:11-17

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to [MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages](http://MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages).

**Pray.** Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

**Read the Scripture text:** Luke 7:11-15

**11** Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. **12** As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. **13** And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." **14** Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." **15** And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. **16** Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" **17** And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

### 1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- This text brings up tragic reality of death. What are your current attitudes towards death? Have you always thought this way about death? What questions are most important to you about the reality death?
- How does this text help me to understand something essential about the good news of Jesus? What are you meant to see about who Jesus is?
- How does this text help us to understand our personal stories in the light of God's story of redemption and restoration in Jesus?

### 2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- In the message on this text, the pastor mentioned that as amazing as this miracle of Jesus was, it is not the center of our faith. Rather, another miracle of Jesus is—namely, the resurrection of Jesus. How does the reality of death AND of Christ's conquering of death enable us to grieve but not as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13)?
- What would it look like as a community of faith to mourn with one another in the face of death our enemy? And what would it look like to strengthen one another's faith in the coming "renewal of all things," to use Jesus' words (cf. Matthew 19:28 NIV)?

### 3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- How does this miracle of Jesus along with his own resurrection help us testify to the world something more essential than a sort of moralism that pervades the message of so many churches (that is, "If you're good enough, you can go to heaven")?