

Living Water Fellowship

23rd after Pentecost – 8th November 2020

COMPASSION CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

COME TO JESUS

Welcome & Prayer:

Song: He Knows My Name (PW 834)

GROW IN HIS GRACE

Bible Reading: Acts 4:32-35 and Luke 7:11-17

The Message: HIS STORY – YOUR LIFE: HIS COMPASSION
Living Water's Partner in Mission - Compassion International

Prayers:

GO IN HIS POWER

The Blessings:

*(Name), † child of God,
Be filled by the Spirit with the compassion of Christ!
Amen*

Announcements:

Song: The Summons (AT 413)

SHOW HIS LOVE

ACTS 4:32-35

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

LUKE 7:11-17

Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. ¹² 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. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. ¹⁴ Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up." ¹⁵ Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today." ¹⁷ And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside.

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 7:11-17 & Acts 4:32-35. What questions immediately come to mind? Does your familiarity with this part of the Bible hinder your seeing it with fresh eyes?
2. Compare Acts 4:32-35 with 2:42-47. How would you describe this church? How can you emulate those qualities here at Living Water? How does vs 32 describe your relationship with other believers? How does unity promote selflessness in our relationships with other believers?
3. If you were invited to join this early fellowship of disciples, how would you react? What do you think belonging to that church meant to those disciples? How would I describe what being part of Living Water means to me?
4. What does Luke tell us about this woman that helps us understand why this was such a sad moment in her life? What are all the things that this woman had lost?
5. How do you think the person who was there that day knew that Jesus felt compassion? What does compassion look like? What is compassion? When you are feeling compassion what is happening physically & emotionally?
6. If Jesus really is able to defeat death like this, & if he cares enough to do so, how should that impact you? How do you think a person should be different who doesn't have to fear death?
7. The Bible highlights the fact that Jesus not only saw the woman, but also had compassion on her. What is the link between really seeing people & compassion?
8. Read Exodus 34:6-7. When God reveals his attributes in this passage, he begins with mercy and grace. As a beneficiaries of his mercy and grace, are you moved to worship by his kindness & live from his grace that grants eternal life?