

Homegroup Notes

Welcome Icebreaker

What are the qualities that you see in a caring person?

Bible Study

Read Luke 7:11-17

In what ways do you see similarities between the funeral Jesus met outside Nain and a modern funeral? What are the differences? Can we learn anything from the process of death from the first century?

Do people still fear death?

What was the particular reason Jesus had compassion upon the widow of Nain?

Speculate about the reasons the Church does not often claim that God has raised someone from the dead today?

The story says that Jesus heart went out to the woman (Luke 7:13). You can imagine the heart of Jesus aching with the hurt the woman felt.

Compassion was a mark of Jesus life.
(You might like to read out the following verses)

Matt 9:36

Matt 14:14

Matt 15:32

Matt 20:34

Mark 1:41

Mark 6:34

I hope you get a picture of what was so significant about the way Jesus felt towards people. Especially the lost, the vulnerable, the unlovable, the sick and so on.

Why do you think it is important for the Gospel writers to emphasise that Jesus cared so much for people? You could argue he was simply here to do a job, to die for the sins of the world. Does he have to care as well?

In Colossians 3:12 St Paul urges us to be clothed with compassion. Why? Do we have to care? Would it matter if we didn't really care? Does compassion have to exist in the Church for God to act?

Prayers

Please remember to pray for the people of Whitehaven.

Those who are working for the relief of suffering in the world
For the Church to care like Jesus.

Pray for the Folk and Boat Festival

Pray for our ministry of care that is growing at Number 28.

Pray for Martha, Jenny, Florence, Maude and others who need our prayers.

Pray for each other.

Pray for Gill Stanning and Thia Hughes who are both soon to be ordained.

Notices

We will probably be cancelling the parish weekend because not enough have responded—listen for announcements
Please get your tickets for Gareth Davies Jones (Concert 19th June)