

# NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church

Waypoints 5 – Widow at Nain

Luke 7:11-17

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**Main Idea:** Jesus can bring life to what is dead!

**Icebreaker:** We can feel *sympathy* for people sometimes pretty easily, but have you ever truly *empathized* with someone? (Have someone in the group look up the definitions of “sympathy” vs. “empathy.”) How did that empathy towards another help you to help them or bond with them? Why were you able to *empathize* in that situation?

## **Study:**

On the road to Nain, Jesus’ heart went out to the widow. He was moved with compassion and felt her pain in His heart. This led him to bring her son back to life.

During the sermon, we learned that Jesus can bring dead things back to life and can restore people to their rightful places (children to parents, husbands to wives, spiritual sons/daughters back to God’s heart, etc.)

When God brought the son back to life and when he brings life to dead things in our lives, there are three results in the people who witness God’s work:

1. **Filled with awe.** (v.16) Have you ever been filled with awe at something God did in your life? Or maybe just by something you saw in nature that could have only come from Him? What was the situation?
2. **Praised God.** (v. 16) How did you praise God for what you witnessed? What sometimes stops us from making praise of God our first response in situations like that?
3. **Spread the news like wildfire.** (v.17) After witnessing something amazing from God, did you share it with others? Again, what sometimes stops us from doing this as we should?

## **Application:**

Enter into a time of self-reflection with the following questions, then share within your group.

1. What is it in your life that has died? (relationship with spouse or kids, attitude, heart for God, etc.)
2. What do you need Jesus to touch today or to breathe life back into?
3. What needs to be restored to its rightful place in your life?
4. What in your life or who in your life do you need to be praying this for?
5. How can you start to praise God in advance today for what He has already done and what He is going to do?
6. With whom do you need to “spread the news like wildfire” about how God has worked mightily in your life?

## **Pray:**

Pray for each person in your group and the various requests and things that were shared during this session.