



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of February 13, 2022*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

#### **Luke 7:11-17**

**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.

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

Jesus' great compassion for hurting people is made evident when He raises a widow's son from the dead. Despite the fact that suffering, grief and death are the result of mankind's willful rebellion against God, the Lord does not ignore the pain of sinful humanity. Rather He is moved by compassion to heal and give life. Such is the nature of the One who will ultimately give His life to save an undeserving people by sacrificing Himself on the cross to defeat the power of sin and death.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Throughout Luke's gospel we see that Jesus Christ was willing to touch the leper, accept the tax gatherer, give working legs back to the paralyzed man, heal the centurion's servant, and resurrect the widow's son. Why might these acts of compassion seem out of place for someone with so much fame, power, and authority? Does it surprise you that Jesus showed such compassion to the common people of low stature? Why or why not?

2. What role does sin play in human suffering and the tragedy and sorrow experienced through death? How has your own sin led to personal suffering and tragedy?
3. The Son of God's first response to people suffering the consequences of their own sin is compassion. How does God's sympathetic nature towards sinners prompt the sinner to repent and return to Him? Why do you think so many still refuse?
4. The gospels record Jesus raising only three people from the dead. He obviously had the power, so why do you think Jesus didn't raise more people while He was on earth? What does this tell you about Jesus' real purpose while on earth? How would He ultimately and finally defeat sin and death?