



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series: Crossing the Street Part 3

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Modelling the Heart of Jesus

12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” – Luke 11:11-17

1. SEE the need. Luke 7:11-13a

- Jesus saw the woman
- Jesus noticed her pain and her need.

2. FEEL the pain. Luke 7:13

- More than seeing.
- Jesus engaged with need and pain.
- Jesus was moved to feel compassion

3. ACT with a loving response. Luke 7:14-17.

- Not enough to see and feel.
- We need to act.
- Jesus not only saw and felt- he acted.

A. Examining the texts.

Discussion Starter: How do you respond to approaches, advertisements etc from charities or sad new stories? What is your heart response? What factors affect this response?

1. Read Luke 7:11-13a. What did Jesus see and notice?
2. Read Luke 7:13. What effect did what Jesus saw- have on him?
3. Read Luke 7:14-17. What did Jesus do in response to what he saw and felt? What effect did this scene have on those who witnessed it?
4. Read Luke 7:18-23. How does Luke 7:11-17, lean into the interaction with those who came from John to ask him if he was the one?

B. Meditation & application

5. What does this story contribute to your picture of Jesus?
6. What injustices and needs do you see in your community and globally?
7. How would you describe your “heart response,” to injustices that you see on the news, and in person?
8. What is your natural response to the injustices or needs that you see around you? Do you think this models Jesus heart?
9. How is God prompting you to see, feel and act? What are your next steps in embracing the heart of Jesus in crossing the street?

Challenge: Spend time praying for MFA. (Alwis’ mission) Take time to read about the mission (See), Feel for those in poverty & those in slavery and ACT by giving, praying or enquiring about how you could partner well.

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we thank you for sending your Son Jesus. We thank you that he ushered in the Kingdom of God and he is making all things new. Help us to bring light into our world by believing and receiving the Son in every way. Amen.