

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Humility

COMPASSION MOVES TOWARD HUMILITY

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Introduction:

Big Idea: Jesus _____ toward humility with _____.

1) Jesus _____ into our humble state with compassion.

2) Jesus _____ into our humble state with compassion.

- 1) Jesus looks into our humble state with compassion.
- 2) Jesus enters into our humble state with compassion.
- 3) Jesus _____ into our humble state with compassion.

4) Jesus _____ _____ _____ in our humble state with compassion.



Personal Reflection and Application:

1. In what ways has God been calling you to humble yourself through this section of Luke? How might humbling yourself before God leave you vulnerable before him?
2. How does knowing that Jesus moves toward humility with powerful compassion inspire and enable you to humble yourself in those specific ways? How have you seen God compassionately care for you in your weakness?
3. What people in your sphere of influence are in a vulnerable/humble state? How can you move toward them with the compassion of Jesus so that he can powerfully work through you in their lives?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

- 1) In what ways does humility leave us vulnerable?
- 2) Read Luke 7:11-13, Luke 1:46-48, Psalm 56:8, Psalm 34:15 and Psalm 33:18-19. What does it mean that God “sees” us when we humble ourselves before him? What emotions does that fact stir up in you?
- 3) Read Luke 7:13-14. Notice that Jesus enters into the scene of suffering. Why is it more meaningful that Jesus “entered into” suffering than simply him performing a miracle from afar? In what ways can we follow his example in the lives of others?
- 4) Read Luke 7:13-14 and Psalm 119:25-28. Notice the quotes of Jesus. Why is Jesus the only one who could say those things? Describe some things in life for which “only the word of God will do.” Why is it that way?
- 5) Read Luke 7:14-15, Romans 8:11, and Romans 8:35-39. How is the resurrection power of Jesus experienced in the everyday life of a believer? How have YOU experienced the resurrection power of Jesus in YOUR life (*consider the trials in Romans 8:35-39, and recall how God brought you through*)?
- 6) Read Luke 7:16-17 and Luke 1:68-75. How does knowing that Jesus moves toward (“visits”) humility/vulnerability with powerful compassion change the way we relate... to him? ...to others?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Lift up bold requests to God, recognizing that you can only make them through the name of Jesus, surrendering your request to his authority.