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CHURCH**

Week 13

Sermon Series: Lessons from the Sinless Savior

Sermon Title: TBA

Sermon Text: Luke 7:11-17

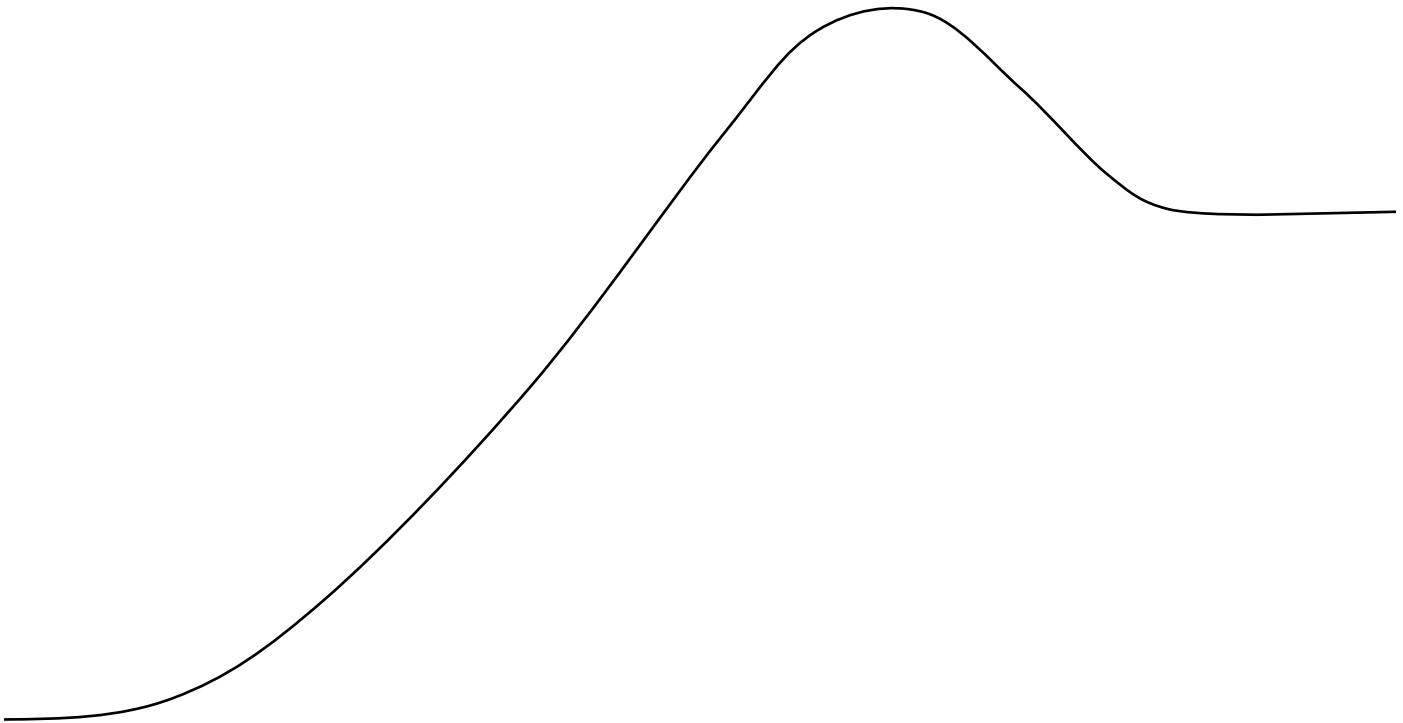
Group Week of: October 15, 2023

Sermon Date: October 22, 2023

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Many Followers Pt 1 – John 6:25-59
Day 2	Many Followers Pt 2 – John 6:60-71
Day 3	Elijah and the Widow – 1 Kings 17:7-24
Day 4	Widows & Orphans – James 1:19-27
Day 5	God's Love – Psalm 68:1-6

The Text: Luke 7:11-17

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down versus in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) What aspect of Jesus is *highlighted* in this account? Show this grammatically or via story arch.
- 3) How have the themes of authority and saving power developed in the book of Luke so far?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) We've already seen Jesus address His disciples, those who obey, and those who are listening (6:20, 27, 47; 7:1) from among the crowds that followed Him. As you've been studying the book of Luke, what do you see as some of the biggest differences between the general crowds that follow Jesus and those who are truly *listening* to Jesus?

- 2) How are we to interact with people in our churches who could be described as part of the crowd following Jesus but aren't really displaying the characteristics of a true disciple? Think of one person you might describe this way at West Side and commit to praying for them and potentially even speaking with them about this subject.

- 3) Luke shows us that the woman had no husband, and now, no son. In these days, this often led to poverty as there were relatively few jobs for women. Is there someone in your life in a similar position of need? If so, what can you do to follow in the footsteps of Christ in helping that person?

- 4) When it comes to raising the dead, Jesus tells Jairus' daughter, "My child, get up!" (Luke 8:54). He tells Lazarus, "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43), and now this man, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" (Luke 7:14). In each case, Jesus commands the dead to move, life returns to them, and they move and live again. Why do you think Jesus revives by the power of His words?

- 5) When we see Jesus command the dead to rise, we see a parallel in our own salvation. We are spiritually dead apart from God (Ephesians 2:1), and He had to give us life; we needed to be born again (John 3:5-6). Meditate for a while on the reality that spiritually you have been given life the same way this man on the bier was. Write down any thoughts, reflections, or questions that arise from this truth and discuss them with your group.

- 6) The people of Israel think Jesus to be a prophet. Read 1 Kings 17:7-24, and note any parallels to the story of Christ. Why do you think that the people thought of Jesus as merely a prophet and not more than that? In what ways do you see the crowds misunderstanding Jesus today? What less-than-true identities do people in America put on Jesus today?

- 7) Think back on all you've seen of Christ since chapter 5. What do you understand about Jesus in a new and deeper way since our study has begun? Share what you've learned with your life group.