

Even Stranger Things Part Five

Bringing Dead Things To Life

Introduction

Read: Luke 7:11-17

1. Strange things happen around us more often than we think! Jesus healed those who were sick, and set free those who were troubled in life.
2. One of the most baffling miracles Jesus did was to raise the dead to life!
3. In the passage we just read, Jesus saw the grief of the widow and restored her hope by raising her son to life!
4. He didn't just raise her son as a zombie, but gave him full and genuine life.
5. All of us have a need for Jesus to give us spiritual life, but we may also have dead things in our lives that need life, e.g. old dreams, past hopes or broken relationships.
6. In today's lesson, we want to find out how Jesus can bring what is dead in us back to life!

I. Bring The Dead Things To Jesus

A. Jesus could bring the boy back to life because He saw the funeral procession (v12).

B. Examine our lives for any dead things.

E.g. Old hopes or dreams we have given up on, broken friendships or family relationships, subjects we think are beyond help, etc.

C. Commit these hopeless situations to God in prayer!

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."

- 1 Peter 5:7

D. Be real about the situations we are in. God is not surprised by the dead things in our lives!

II. Catch Jesus' Heart

A. Jesus wanted to raise the widow's son because His heart had great compassion for the widow (v13)!

B. God is not only able to raise any dead things back to life, we need to believe that He wants to raise them to life!

C. Write down some promises or verses about what God says about how much He loves us!

D. Ask God for His perspective over the dead things in our lives.

III. Speak The Word Of God

- A. The dead boy responded to the words Jesus spoke, and came back to life (v14-15)!
- B. Read up in the Bible what God says about the dead things in our lives. Whatever He tells us to do, do it!
- C. Claim the promises of God in faith to encourage ourselves that God will bring the breakthroughs we need.
- D. Stop talking about our problems like they will always be the same, but start talking like God is going to radically turn things around!

"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences."

- Proverbs 18:21

Discuss!

Connect Group Leader to facilitate sharing with the Connect Group members.

- *Share any "dead things" (hopeless situations) we may have in our lives.*
- *What can we do to help one another speak God's word into our dead circumstances?*

Conclusion

1. God is able to bring dead things in our lives back to thriving, overflowing life!
2. We need to bring the dead things of our lives to Him, just as they are.
3. See and speak God's perspective over the dead areas in our lives and watch God bring them back to life!

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to help us be real about dead things in our lives.
- Pray for God's perspective of the hopeless situations in our lives.
- Declare God's word over the dead things in our lives, and in the lives of our friends and contacts!

**Give opportunities for visitors to receive Christ and members to re-dedicate their lives to Jesus.*