

**Deane Parish Church Home Groups  
w/b Sunday 9th October 2016**

**Jesus Brings Life and Freedom – Luke 7:11-17 and 8:26-39**

What do you think is the point of a miracle?

**Read Luke 7:11-17**

What different emotions do you think were experienced during this story? (Think of the different crowds, the mother, and Jesus)

What do you make of Jesus' words and actions in v13-14? Is this normal behaviour? What do you think the crowds made of it?

Jesus' miracles usually point to a spiritual reality, as well as the physical healing. How does this miracle help us understand our own salvation? You might want to look at Romans 6:23, and Ephesians 2:1

**Read Luke 8:26-39**

Some people may say that the man probably suffered from some kind of mental illness. Why do Jesus' words help us see this was not the case?

What do we learn about the destructive power of the devil?

How do we see Jesus' power in these verses?

**Thinking about both passages**

What do these passages tell us about Jesus' identity?

What are the different reactions to Jesus' display of authority?

What does this tell us about how people react to Jesus today?

**Response**

Pray for those who are mourning or suffering to know God's compassion and kindness, and for wisdom in how to comfort them.

Ask God for opportunities and courage for us to share the good news of Jesus in our own area.

In particular pray for individuals or groups of people who are confused about Jesus' identity.