

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.**

## Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

### Message Summary

In life, everyone has their heroes. Some heroes may include your parents, soldiers in the military, or depending on how much you watch movies, it may be Captain America. All of these people are looked to as heroes, because they help to positively affect the people around them. They make grave sacrifices that allow those who they protect to live without fear. The issue with these heroes, is that they are limited or in some cases, Captain America, are not real. These heroes are limited in their abilities and in their time. Even the unrealistic characters on the movie screens cannot be in multiple places at once. Therefore, they are not the ultimate hero. The Ultimate Hero, is Jesus Christ. In this message we looked at how the power of Christ changes everyday life. We learned that:

1. **The power of Christ responds to the broken:** In Luke 7:11-17 Jesus is responding to a widow, who was in the process of burying her only son. To say that she was broken is most likely an understatement. When we think of being broken, it is not just in times of the loss but the times we also disobey God and become broken. Thankfully, Jesus Christ responded to the woman and ourselves when we were broken.
2. **The power of Christ resurrects the dead to life:** In Luke 7:14-15, Jesus spoke to the young man, telling him to get up. The young man arose and began to talk. We can understand what it is like for to be the young man on the bier. We were all dead in sins, or may still be, but Christ is speaking to us and to our lives that we may be resurrected from the dead, to experience life with Him. The only power to defeat the grave is the power that Christ had been given. This power makes way for our resurrection.
3. **The power of Christ results in glory to God:** In a world filled with glory-seekers, it is hard to find those who would rather give glory than receive it. Everyone wants to make it to fame and fortune, but we have a hard time recognizing others. In fact, we often fail to give recognition to God when He works through our life. As a Christian, it is our responsibility to make our actions result in glory to God. As Galatians 2:20 says, we no longer live for ourselves. We should let our lives result in glory to God through the power of Christ within us.

### Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What takeaway – if any – did you have from the message this week?
- While thinking of how the power of Christ responds to the broken, do you remember what you were broken for? Was it sin, was it a loss, or was it being mistreated? How do you believe Christ responds to those who are broken? Discuss how Christ compels you to respond to the broken?
- How does the power of Christ resurrect from dead to life? Is it simply physical, as in Luke 7, or are we spiritually resurrected to life? What does it mean to be spiritually resurrected?
- When you think of glory, do you think more of giving glory to others, or would you rather receive glory from others? How do you think the power of Christ changes the perspective of who should receive glory?
- Discuss the power of Christ in your life. Are you broken over your sins? Has the power of Christ resurrected you to life? Do you truly seek to give God glory in all that you do? It is only through the power of Christ that changes my everyday life, which allows me to live for Him.