



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Anything is Possible - Week 6: Lazarus
May 11-14, 2023

LEADER NOTES: **Summer trimester: 6/5-7/30, Signup Weekends 6/1-6/11, Fall trimester: 8/28-12/10**

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: You don't have to do the things you used to do because you are not the person that you used to be. The old you is dead. The new you is alive in Christ.

SERMON TEXT: *John 11:1-44; Ecclesiastes 3; Romans 12:15; Hebrews 5:8*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes.

- **What stood out to you from the sermon this week?**
- **Read *John 11:1-44*. What did God reveal to you in the scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Jesus loved Lazarus. Yet, when Jesus heard Lazarus was sick, He didn't leave right away to go to him or heal him from afar.**
 - Discover:** How does the Bible explain Jesus's actions?
 - Deepen:** Even though God loves you, He will sometimes let you go through pain. What may be some reasons for this? Share a time God let you go through pain for his purpose and your benefit. (*"But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'" (John 11:4) The miracle may be on other side of the valley of the shadow of death. We sometimes ask why bad things - suffering, pain, cancer, etc. - happen. Pastor Joby gave some reasons, with biblical examples. 1. Test from God: (Abraham) 2. Your sin: (Woman caught in adultery) 3. Others sin: (Joseph and his brothers) 4. Demonic attack: (Paul thorn in the flesh to keep him from becoming conceited) 5. Fallen world: (Blind man/Invalid) Through it all, Romans 8:28 is true.*)
- **"Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Sit with that thought and just let it soak in.**
 - Discover:** What does Jesus's weeping and Ecclesiastes 3 tell you about the role of emotions in your life?
 - Deepen:** What does it mean that Jesus weeps and yet He knows that He is about to resurrect Lazarus?
- **Martha and Mary were distraught over the death of their brother.**
 - Discover:** What does the bible say we should do with people who are in mourning? Compare and contrast the way Mary and Martha grieve the death of Lazarus. (*Romans 12:15 says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Sometimes we just need to shut up and show up. Jesus sat with Mary, put His arm around her, and wept.*)
 - Deepen:** What does Jesus's response to Martha's and Mary's questioning of Him tell you about your own questioning of God? (*Jesus doesn't rebuke them for their questions. Jesus looked at Martha and said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and then He asked her, "Do you believe this?" There's a difference between questioning why something happened a certain way under God's control and questioning whether He is in control at all. God can handle all your questions.*)
- **"Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:39-40)**
 - Discover:** What stone is Jesus asking you to roll away that you aren't doing because you are afraid it might be stinky? (*Faith is acting as if you actually believe that God is who He says He is and always keeps His promises.*)
 - Deepen:** What grave clothes do you need to remove? (*You are not your past, your addiction, abortion or failed marriage. Only Jesus gets to tell you who you are. Remember, if you're in Christ he brought you from death to life. The grave clothes don't fit you anymore.*)

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

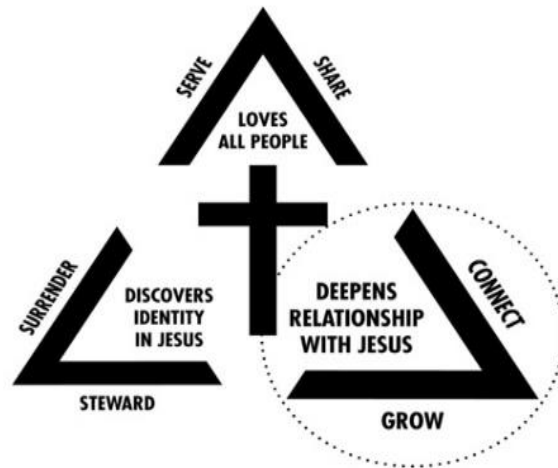
- Who in your life do you need to shut up and show up for?
- Practice the ministry of presence with someone this week.

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