



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	11-01-2026	Lazarus is sick!	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Play a game of Taboo. Give each person a different secret word/ object. Take it in turns to describe your object/ word without ever saying the actual object/ word. The others must try and identify the object/ word.		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Where (or with who) are you most easily able to relax and just be yourself? <input type="checkbox"/> What are you like when you're ill? <input type="checkbox"/> What's been your experience of supporting someone with an illness/ injury?		
 Read	<u>John 11:1-16</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Study	<p><u>v.1-3</u>: What does it say about gender attitudes that Bethany was more famous for being where Jesus included women than for where Jesus resurrected a man from the dead? How sick do we/ others have to be before we pray to Jesus? How do we balance God being both <i>friend</i> and <i>Lord</i>?</p> <p><u>v.4-5</u>: Why did Jesus not want to <i>just</i> heal Lazarus? What's better than being healed? Many people who were healed by Jesus were not named e.g. the paralysed man, the woman with bleeding... Why was Lazarus named?</p> <p><u>v.6</u>: If you heard a close friend was seriously ill, what might you do? What did Jesus do? How might that have been received by Mary and Martha?</p> <p><u>v.7-10</u>: When have you felt prompted to do something that could have had a push-back? What's the meaning of the riddle in v.9-10?</p> <p><u>v.11-14</u>: Why is 'death' often like a taboo word? How do we sometimes refer to death without ever actually saying 'death/ dead'? Why for Jesus was death like sleep? What could Jesus see that His followers at that time couldn't?</p> <p><u>v.15-16</u>: What was Thomas' reaction? Why is sarcasm the lowest form of wit?</p>		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Could Lazarus have been the one in John's Gospel often referred to as the 'one whom Jesus loved'? <input type="checkbox"/> Could Jesus have best friends?		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?		
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Reach out to someone you know who is sick/ unwell. Maybe, as appropriate, text, call, or visit them.		
 Pray	<p>Use the Breathe! Healing & Wholeness format to pray for those who are sick or in need of God's intervention. No need for details; simply name them before God.</p> <p>One person says: Spirit of God, enter the life of [_____], Your much-loved child. Come with Your healing and wholeness, Your peace, and Your freedom.</p>		

	<p>All respond: Together, we ask this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Repeat, with someone else praying for another person. Keep going till you run out of people to name before God.</p>
?	<p>My questions:</p>

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