



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

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| | 25-01-2026 | Lazarus, come out! | | | |
|  Start | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Describe your day/ week in three words.</p> | | | | |
|  Discuss | <p><input type="checkbox"/> When you become a Christ-follower (a Christian) what remains unchanged about you? And what changes?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What are you more drawn towards: life <i>after</i> death or life <i>before</i> death?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To what extent have you thought about your own funeral? What would you like it to be like? Any specific instructions?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How do we/ you feel about discussing death? Why is it this?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is it easier to talk about someone's death/ burial <u>or</u> their resurrection from the grave?</p> | | | | |
|  Read | <u>John 11:38-44</u> |  Listen again | ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks | | |
|  Study | <p><u>v.38</u>: If 'deeply moved' also implies 'affronted', why did Jesus take Lazarus' death and the reactions of Martha/ Mary/ onlookers so personally? Today, what might Jesus also be 'deeply moved' by? Why might seeing this tomb have been triggering for Jesus?</p> <p><u>v.39</u>: Why did Jesus want others to 'take away the stone'? What might the stone represent to them? To us? What might Martha have been trying to avoid? What 'stinketh' (bad odour) stuff can we sometimes try to avoid?</p> <p><u>v.40</u>: What's easier to believe in, the <i>future</i> eternal rest with God in heaven or the <i>present</i> seeing God at work on earth? What do we sometimes need reminding of?</p> <p><u>v.41-42</u>: Why did Jesus pray? Why can we pray like Jesus? How? When?</p> <p><u>v.43</u>: Even though He had prayed, what did Jesus still have to do? When does prayer and faith require courage? When have you witnessed or experienced this?</p> <p><u>v.44</u>: What must it have been like for Lazarus to come out? What was Lazarus still entangled with? What can we sometimes still be hindered by, even after we've become a Christ-follower, a Christian? Why can these be hard to remove on our own? Who did Jesus direct to assist Lazarus? By doing what? How can we do this for each other?</p> | | | | |
|  Go further | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Study all the occasions in John's Gospel that Jesus talks about life (Greek: ζωή zóé). See https://biblehub.com/greek/strongs_2222.htm</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Why is Jesus so focused on zóé life?</p> | | | | |
|  Reflect | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What 'strips of cloth' might you still be carrying from your old life/ ways?</p> | | | | |

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|  Do | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan your own funeral arrangements, leaving instructions with someone or somewhere they can be found. |
|  Pray | 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. 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. All respond: Together, we ask this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Repeat, with someone else praying for another person. Keep going till you run out of people to name before God. |
|  My questions: | |

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