



LIFE GROUP PLANNING



Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?
To explore the depth of God's love and understand that God's love is bigger than Danger Darkness and Death

Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

The Bible Project is a good starting point.

<https://bibleproject.com/>

Mark 4: 35-41 John 9: 1-34
John 11: 1-43

Warm Up

Share a story of when you found yourself in danger... how did it feel?

Share a story about "being in the dark". What was it like?

All of us have experienced the pain of loss, how do different people cope with grief

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passages? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

Erik spoke about God's Love being stronger than ...DANGER, DARKNESS / DISEASE and DEATH

READ: MARK 4:35-41

1. What do you see as the key message of this passage? (There may be more than one)
2. Why did the disciples panic, when Jesus was asleep?

READ: JOHN 9:1-34

3. Why were people sceptical of the healing or challenged the "blind" man about it?
4. What does this say about understanding of God?

READ: John 11:1-43

5. Why did Jesus wait to go to Lazarus, why not just heal him before he died?
6. Why did Jesus weep for Lazarus even though he was going to raise him?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

1. Our lives are full of "storms" how can we safely navigate them. Reflect on Mark 4:35-41
2. How can we overcome our own scepticism about God's ability to heal or save?
3. How can we remove the limitations we put on God, that prevent him from working in our lives?
4. What hope can we draw from the story of Lazarus that we can live by or with each day?
5. What do these stories teach us about God's love for us?
6. What difference should that make in our daily lives?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

Pray for a new experience of God's love. Pray for Ukraine. Pray for our Royal family, especially our Queen.

Pray for those in our VBC family who are struggling.