

BRMC Small Group Study: John 11:1-27

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Lesson Objectives:

- To learn why we should have less fear in doing God's work. (To see that we should not be afraid of stumbling because Jesus is the Light of the World)
- To learn why we should have more faith. (To have more faith in Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life)

Observation

1. In your own words, retell the events John 11.

2. How did the disciples react when Jesus wanted to return to Judea? What was Jesus' reply?

Interpretation

Read John 11:1-16

3. What does it mean to see by the light of this world and why was Jesus unafraid to return to Judea (John 11:9-10)?

4. Why did Jesus have to explain the metaphor of sleeping (John 11:14)?

Read John 11:17-27

5. Why did Jesus meet Mary and Martha only 4 days after Lazarus' death?

6. What did it mean for the Jews to hear that Jesus is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)? What does it mean to you?

7. What was Martha's response to Jesus in John 11:27? Did her response correspond to Jesus' question?

Application

8. What are some of the fears that prevent you from doing God's work?

9. How do we react when things don't go according to our own plans? How can we respond better in faith?