



Sermon Discussion Guide

February 24, 2019
“Waking the Dead”
Pastor Steve DeNeff
John 11:38-45

ACCEPT

Making Room for Each Other's Week

If your group doesn't take time to catch up each week, you can start with this in order to hear what is going on in each other's lives.

Each person in the group share a best and worst moment from the past week. *(Set a timer – each person gets one minute)*

ENCOURAGE

“Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people... Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” **Joshua 1:6-9**

Share Scriptural words of encouragement with each other based on how you have been praying for each other this week or in response to what was just shared.

TEACH

Sermon Summary

In one of Jesus' most memorable and disruptive miracles, he raises Lazarus from the dead. But this time he does not finish the miracle alone. He orders his disciples to “take off the grave clothes and let him go.” This week, we'll profile some of our people who have been forming one another communities across our city. We'll tell their stories and celebrate the ways that they have been “taking off the grave clothes” for people that Jesus has raised from the dead.

Sermon Review Questions

1. What grave clothes have you carried in the past and who helped you take them off?
2. What places of influence to you sense God leading you to make disciples?

Transformation Questions

1. What do you think God is saying to you about making discipleship a priority in your places of influence?
2. What is keeping you from doing this?
3. If you were to do it, what might be a good first step?
4. Who will you tell? Or who will you ask to help you?

CONFESS & FORGIVE

Was there anything this week's sermon brought to the surface in you that needs to be confessed?

Ask if there is anything or anyone someone in the group needs to forgive.

SERVE

Burden Bearing

Is there someone in the group or connected to the group who needs the tangible support of the group? How can the group help to bear that person's burden?

PRAY

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. **1 Thessalonians 3:10-13**

Share ways you can pray for each other over the coming week.

Spend time praying for each other now.