

Radical Releasing

Homework Guide

WARM UP QUESTIONS:

1. When you are in a crisis, who would you immediately turn to for help? Have you got someone who always turns to you first when they are in trouble? Share an example.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: John 11:1-48

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Think back over the last few weeks months. The news media have reported a number of recent deaths of well-known personalities. [i.e., George Michael, David Bowie, Carrie Fisher). How do the media approach and respond to the theme of death?
2. Share with each other in your group some of your own experiences of loss and grief.
3. The desire of Martha and Mary was that Jesus come to them immediately and heal their brother. Jesus knew what they wanted, and yet because he loved them he chose to wait. Can you think of a time in your life and share when you were intent on God's acting in a particular way and were initially disappointed, but later understood how God's "delay" was a blessing?
4. In the message, Bruce said that "*Radical releasing means while God does the radical part that we cannot do, we have a part to play in releasing people into their future and allowing people to start again.*" Think of a person you know of that you would like to set free and how you might begin to help them?
5. The Church (us) are called to be cheerleaders of people who speak life and encouragement into people and remind them of who they are. What personal practices do you need to change in order to become a better cheerleader and encourager of people in your family, community or work place? (e.g. negative humour, gossip, lack of forgiveness, holding on to past experiences)
6. Looking back at your notes from this week's Message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?