

Radical Releasing

Leader Homework Guide

Announcements:

IMPACT GROUP AGREEMENT FORMS: All Leader Hosts to print off and sign new Impact Agreement Forms for Summer Session.

HOMEWORK LINK: Please communicate this with your group members this week via text or email: TheCatholicGuy.com/sws/groups

DATES:

October 19-23: Heart conference (Book your time off Now!)

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:

As the host of your group, choose the questions from below that help your group explore Sunday's message and discuss their spiritual journey and what God is doing in their lives. All questions do not need to be answered and it is up to you to decide which questions to include and leave out in order to help your group to share faith and share life. You do not need to have all the answers and should encourage group members with comments like, 'what do others think?' rather than give answers yourself. The leader will probably speak the least while facilitating good conversation.

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).

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6. Looking back at your notes from this week's Message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?