

# Redeem Church

## Life Group Discussion Guide (10-01-17)

### Gloriously Late - From John 11

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**Note:** The sermon topic discussion time will be a bit shorter this week due to the group orientation content that our group needs to cover.

#### **Brief Orientation & Intro To Our Fall Session:**

Welcome back to the fall session of Redeem Life Groups! Lets take some time to settle in & remember the ingredients that make for a great experience.

\* For groups with new members, open by going around & introducing yourselves. ***Briefly tell everyone a little about yourself & why you chose to make room in your schedule for this Life Group. Discuss....***

\* Take time to read through **5 Marks of a Healthy Life Group:**

Have 5 people look up the 5 scriptures below to be read aloud after each of the 5 marks are read aloud.

1. Focus on spiritual growth as a top priority. Come with a hunger to grow both in the knowledge & practice of Gods word. **(Read - Romans 8:29)**
2. Accept one another in love just as Christ has accepted us. Remember that the body of Christ is diverse. Sometimes people see things differently than you. We must practice a love that aims to find unity within a context of diversity as we all seek to grow deeper in Christ & with one another. **(Read - Romans 15:7)**
3. Take care of one another in love without crossing over the line into parenting or taking inappropriate responsibility for solving the problems of others. Love encourages others toward learning to seek God for themselves. Our care for one another should help prepare people for the path rather than preparing the path for people **(Read - John 13:34)**
4. Treat one another with respect in both speech and action. This includes avoiding hostility where there may be disagreement. Respect reminds us that we should avoid dominated the conversation, diverting onto irrelevant subjects or distancing ourselves from sharing. Each persons contribution is key to the health of the group, so let make room for everyone to participate. **(Read - Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2)**
5. Keep our commitments to the group - including attending regularly, doing the homework, and keeping confidences whenever requested. **(Read - Psalm 15:1-2, 4b)**

**Pray:** Ask the Lords blessing & guidance as you transition into the discussion time.

\* Go around the group & have each person respond to the following question:

**Q?** If you could describe your life in terms of weather, what forecast would best symbolize this season of your life & why?

**For example:** Sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, rainy, isolated thunder storms, cold, hurricane, or come up with your own. **Discuss....**

The sermon this Sunday focused on the incredible miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. With the time remaining, lets dive deeper into the story.

**Someone in the group Read John 1:1-43 aloud**

**Q?** What can you gather about Jesus' relationship with Mary, Martha & Lazarus from this passage?

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**Q?** How do you think they felt when Jesus chose purposely to delay his visit for 2 days? How would you feel in the moment under these circumstances?

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**Q?** Though God is love, his ways are perfect & he is always on time, have you ever felt like God was stalling on you in a time of need? How might he have been working good for us & glory for himself in the time gap?

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*In Judaism there is a belief that the soul & spirit could possibly hover around a dead body for 3 days, so on day 4 the individual would be as officially dead as a person could be as silly as that sounds.*

**Q?** What truth or faith lesson was Jesus aiming to convey to those who witnessed & heard of this miracle? How can we apply this miracle to our own lives?

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Close your time by inviting the group to request prayer for any areas that need the life giving power of Christ to bring change or transformation.