

RAISING LAZARUS

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

MARCH 21, 2021

MY STORY

1. What are you most looking forward to as summer approaches?

IN REVIEW

Recap last week's "Taking it Home" section. As the series on generosity has wrapped up, has anything changed in your heart and actions? If so, what specifically has changed or grown?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What was your greatest takeaway from Pastor Mike's message.
2. Read John 11:1-44 and answer the following questions:
 - a. Why do you think Jesus waited so long to go to Lazarus?
 - b. Reread verses 25 and 26. Answer the "do you believe this" question for yourself.
 - c. Write down the differences between Mary's greeting and Martha's. What was similar? What was different? What would your unedited response be in this situation?
 - d. Why do you think Jesus wept, even though He knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead?

- e. How does Martha's objection in verse 39 contrast with her confidence in verse 22? Why do you think she goes back and forth? In what ways do we go back and forth, like Martha?

- f. In reflecting on your life (or even events in the past year) can you name a time where you experienced something hard, but in hindsight saw God's steadfastness and His name glorified?

CALL TO ACTION | LAMENT: Depending on the season of life you are walking through, this "Call To Action" will unfold differently. Spend some time reading the Psalms, specifically David's lamentations and grow from his rawness and honesty towards God.

- If you are in a season of hardship and trial, in what ways can you, like David, engage in the trails honestly and wholeheartedly?

- If you are in a season of rejoicing, celebrating, or goodness, in what ways can you redirect and give glory to God?

- If you are in a mundane, stuck, or stale season, in what ways can you seek God for refreshment and renewal of your soul?

TAKING IT HOME

3. In one or two sentences, how are you going to practically put the "Call To Action" sections from above into practice this week?

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