

ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 11/05/08
“Lazarus” – Adrian Holloway

Hi Everyone,

As you know, we are now in the habit of doing a communion word section for life groups after each baptism service. I've started out with some questions from the preach on Lazarus, which you may want to skip if you're short of time
Adrian

Read John 11:1-44

1. Is there anything that surprises you as you read this story? (That is apart from the miracle of a dead man coming back to life!)
2. I said that Martha (vs 21) and Mary (vs 32) had a perplexing question to put in their “Why is this happening to me? I don't understand this Lord!” folder. What have you got in yours?
3. What do we learn about the emotional side of Jesus' character from this passage?
4. What other issues came out of Sunday's talk for you regarding living in “resurrection power”? I mentioned blockages to joy such as offences against us, injustices, poor self-image, reading from the “bad folder”. Did any of this seem relevant to you? (e.g. how do we learn to read only from the “good folder” of who I am in Christ)
5. Shortly after this incident, Jesus acted out the “last supper” with his disciples.
Take some bread and wine, and
 - a) Read **Matthew 26:26-29** slowly out loud
 - b) As you pass round the bread, ask or think about why Jesus (who had just demonstrated his own authority over death by raising Lazarus) would want to surrender his own body to death?
 - c) As you pass round the wine, ask or think about what the disciples would have made of this strange meal at the time? What would they have understood from Jesus' enigmatic statement (vs 28-29)? How much do you think they grasped from what Jesus was saying?