



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Winning the souls of fearful and threatened disciples

Session Number: 38 | Week: 6 | Day: 5

Bible Passage

John 11: 1-16

Introduction

In this session, John 11: 1-16, Jesus learnt about his friend Lazarus's sickness from his sisters. He stayed for more days and then informed his disciples of his intention to go back to Judea, where he had previously been threatened with being stoned. Jesus spoke to his fearful disciples, encouraging them to be courageous and to accompany him to Judea to raise Lazarus and glorify God.

Additionally, this session discusses what happens when his friends get sick and or die and what happens to those near and dear to the sick or the dead person. To this point, Jesus had revealed himself concerning this life as the light and bread of this world, but he had not yet revealed himself concerning death and life after death.

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Compared how Jesus views sickness and death to how his disciples and his close friends react to sickness and death.
- Appreciated that Jesus has control over sickness and death. (including his death)
- Challenged to think about the death that glory God

Session Outline

- Jesus's view of sickness and death
- Jesus wins the souls of his threatened and fearful disciples
- The glory of God
- Spiritual and physical lenses

Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

Comprehending

- Read John 11:1-16. List all the friends of Jesus mentioned here and how they are related to Jesus.
- What is revealed about sickness and death of the friends of Jesus?
- What was the response of his disciples and his friends – Martha and Mary towards sickness and death Jesus's friend?
- What attributes are revealed about Jesus Christ in these verses?

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.