



SMALL GROUPS |

CURRICULUM

SERMON TITLE	DATE
Title: Breakthrough: How You Get Through What You are Going Through	March 27,2016

Tools: pen, pencils, your notes from the sermon

The following passage deals with principles from God's word that applies to areas of your life where you struggle.

Context: This passage is the turning point in Jesus ministry. The religious leaders wanted to kill Him. When Jesus comes back to this area He is putting Himself in grave danger.

Read: John 11:1–44

Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?

If Jesus can raise the dead, why can't he breakthrough in your life?

Four reasons Jesus can breakthrough anything in your life:

1. Jesus Indisputable Love

Read: Jn 11:1–16 again.

- What does this tell you about the extent of Jesus' love for you?
- Why did Jesus wait two days?
- When was there a time in your life that you questioned Jesus love and timing?
- How did you handle it?
- What does Jesus know that you do not?
- Can you say this statement is true; Jesus gives you exactly what you need, when you need it? Why?
 - When have you seen this in your life?
- Did Jesus know Lazarus was ill; that Lazarus died?

Read: Matthew 6:31-32, Hebrews 4: 15

- What does Jesus know about your circumstances?
- How has Jesus shown His indisputable love in your life?

2. Jesus character is incomparable

Read: Jn 11: 17–27

- Why is Jesus character incomparable?
- What is wrong with Martha's statement in verse 22? Who is Jesus to you?

Read: 1Thessalonians 4:16–18

- a. What does it say about our resurrection as Christians?
- b. What does it mean that Jesus has power over death? What difference does that make in your every day life?

3. Jesus compassion is unequalled

Read: Jn 11:28–37

- a. What do these verses tell us about Jesus compassion?
- b. What is the difference between Mary and Martha's response to Lazarus death?
- c. Does He care for you or is He just some distant God?

Read: Matthew 9:36, 11:28–30 and 1Peter 5:7

- a. What do these verses tell us about Jesus compassion for sinners?
- b. How do these facts affect your thinking about your circumstances?

4. Jesus power is unparalleled

a. If Jesus can breakthrough anything because of His indisputable love, His incomparable character and His unequalled compassion, what about His power in your situation?

Read: Jn 11:38–44.

- a. If you have surrendered your circumstances to Jesus and Jesus appears to be doing nothing, how are you going to handle it in the future?

MEMORY VERSE:

John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and (AA)the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,"

ACCOUNTABILITY MEN/WOMEN:

- a. What circumstance do you struggle with that you have not surrendered to Jesus?
- b. Do you have the power to deal with it on your own?
- c. Why do we keep trying to handle the situation in our own strength?
- d. What is the result of trying to handle it in our own strength?
- e. What does Hebrews 7:44 tell us about what Jesus does for us?