



## **Life Group Discussion Questions**

**Sermon Series:** Grab a Handle – Becoming a Stretcher Bearer

**Sermon Title:** Attending to Extra Issues

**Sermon Date:** 11-11-18

**Gospel Gain:** Stretcher Bearers are invited to attend to extra issues as Jesus addresses the man issues.

### **Gathering Together** (Icebreaker)

Describe a time when someone you know was on the stretcher because of a God-sized issue and you felt helpless to care for them.

What are possible “extra” items that a stretcher bearer could attend to when it seems that only God can handle the main issue? How do we help identify those extra items?

### **Growing Together** (Truth/Equipping)

This series is about learning to provide support, encouragement and care to people who have found themselves on a stretcher. Keep thinking about who is on the list of your stretcher bearers and for whom you can be a stretcher bearer.

Today we see sisters, Mary and Martha, who are on a stretcher because their brother Lazarus has died.

**Read:** *John 11:1-4*

What are the circumstances taking place here? How would you feel about the answer Jesus gave in v.4?

**Read:** *John 11:5-16*

What stands out to you in these verses? What might Jesus be facing if he goes to see his friend Lazarus?

**Read:** *John 11:17-37*

What do you see in Mary and Martha when Jesus first arrives? How would you have responded to Jesus if you had been a part of this situation?

How do you feel about the promise that Jesus shares in v.25? Why is this such an important statement in this context?

**Read:** *John 11:38-44*

Jesus is about to address the main issue of Lazarus' death, but he invites others to help with the caregiving. What does Jesus ask in v.34? In v.39? In v.44? Why are these requests significant?

What is the difference between participating in the care of someone on a stretcher verses watching from a distance?

Can you think of other examples in scripture where God addressed the main issue of need while others attended to extra areas of care? Share them with the group.

### **Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

What do you find to be challenging about determining these "extra" issues? Does anyone in this Life Group need some help with extra issues and if so, what are they? Let's not be afraid to ask for help as we discussed a couple weeks ago.

### **Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

Pray for anyone we know that is on a stretcher right now.

Pray that God would use Oakwood Church to be Stretcher Bearers to care for people in need.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.