

Life Application Notes

Back to Life – John 11&12

Speaker: Chris Kilby

Scripture: John 11 & 12

Introduction for leaders

The church around the world, and therefore Life Church in Southampton is emerging into a new landscape. Not that the church has been dead like Lazarus but that we are re-entering the world into something new and different to what was before.

Opening up:

What are some of the things that would have been normal pre-pandemic that will take a long time to seem normal again/might not ever seem normal again?! E.g. shaking hands, hugs...going to church?!

Digging in:

Chris shared that there are 4 things that must be the same for us as a church as we emerge into the new era that we are in:

Total Worship: John 12:3 – Not just singing more songs but whole lives offered in worship to Jesus.

In church planting, it is a bit rough around the edges, but everyone counts, you have a key part to play – we all need to be contributing, worshipping, serving, giving, inviting our friends. The apostle Paul said that is real worship – offering everything we have as a living sacrifice – let's be all in.

Q – What does total worship look like for you in the next week/month/year?

Gospel Witness: (12:9-10)

How can your experience of the last year be used by God for you to share the good news of Jesus with others around you? What of your story might God want to use to reach others?

Amazing Wonders: (Lazarus' resurrection!!!)

Take time out to pray for the Holy Spirit to move in your gathering together, praying for healing but also that God will use us, his church, in our everyday lives to see amazing wonders in the world around us...if not you, then who? Why not?!

New Works:

God is doing new things among us as a church (4th site, new building 'the boathouse', name adjustments) What new thing(s) is God calling you into personally? Spend some time praying and prophesying to each other about what God might have for you in this next season?