

Evening Lesson

“TAKE AWAY THE STONE”

John 11:38-44

INTRO:

1. The Lord was prepared to do his work, but first man had to do his part.
2. God does not do for me what I can and should do for myself.
3. Even though the stone concealed a stinking and fearful sight, it had to be removed to correct the situation.
4. We must remove our “stones of stumbling” in:

I. RELATIONSHIPS.

A. The problems must be addressed.

1. It is a hindrance to our worship.
Matt. 5:23, 24; 1 Cor. 10:16, 17
2. It is a hindrance to unity. **Psalm 133:1; 1 Cor. 1:10; Col. 2:1, 2**
3. It is a hindrance to growth. **Matt. 12:25; Gal. 5:14, 15**

B. Christ has the answer. **Matt. 18:15-17; 22:37-39**

II. SERVICE.

A. We must take away the fear. **Isa. 51:12, 13; Phil. 1:27, 28**

1. Fear is contagious. **Deut. 20:8**
2. Fear is not from God. **2 Tim. 1:7**

B. We must take away the indifference. **Matt. 22:37; Rom. 9:3**

CONC:

1. Jesus raised Lazarus after the barrier was removed. He will do the same for us today.
Rom. 6:3, 4
2. Take away the stone and obey him today!
3. Remove the barriers and get right with one another.
4. Roll away the stone that covers your talents and be involved in serving God.