

JOHN 11 LEADERS' GUIDE

PREPARATION:

Pray for your team before you begin looking at the scripture for this week.

- Pray for the individuals coming to the training, for those whom you all will meet at the Vida Proxe, for your time of training, and for God to speak to you through your time preparing.
- Familiarize yourself with the passage and the discussion questions.
- Read through the Active Response and Stretch Goal for this session. Think about who you might text during the stretch goal. It will be easier for your team to try it if you're doing it too.
- Remember to practice and roleplay the proxie script multiple times.

INTRODUCTION AND CAST VISION (5 MIN)

Today we're going to learn about the Vida! Proxe and the story of Lazarus' resurrection behind it. We'll be looking at a remarkable story about Jesus that will help prepare us spiritually to host the Vida Proxe here on campus. God's going to change some lives with this and we don't want to miss out on that ourselves. We want to be fully engaged with Jesus as we jump in and start pointing people to the amazing new life he gives us.

INTRODUCE THE STORY OF LAZARUS (15-20 MIN.)

1. Prayer: Invite God to open your mind, eyes, and heart as you read His Word.
2. Read the passage
3. Share Observations: what strikes you, what do you notice about the passage?
4. Discuss the following questions:
 - What are the different reactions people in this story have in response to the loss of Lazarus?
 - Why do you think Jesus got emotional despite knowing he was going to raise Lazarus? Why do you think the one claiming to be "the resurrection and the life" stops to weep?
 - What do the disciples, Martha, and Mary seem to believe about Jesus, death, and life after death? What kind of impact do you think it would have had on them to see this miracle?
 - If you saw this first-hand, how would it affect you? What would you believe about Jesus?

INTRODUCE PROXE (30-40 MIN)

Show Vida panels (5 min)

- Get initial response. What do you notice? What do you like?

Walk people through Vida (10 min)

- Use the script: Show training Powerpoint if possible

Role play (15-20 min)

- Switch
- Reflect: what worked well, where did you get stuck, what could you do to make it better

PRAYER & NEXT STEP (5-10 MIN)

Discuss as a group: What impact might the Vida Proxe have in the lives of the people we meet?

Gather in groups of 2 or 3 to pray for the Vida Proxe outreach.

Pray through each prompt:

- Thank God for the ways Jesus has brought new healing and hope into your life.
- Ask God to fill your team with courage and boldness as you host the Vida Proxe
- Pray that people at the Proxe would believe in Jesus and receive new life from him.

Stretch Goal

Text 3 friends who have yet to become followers of Jesus and invite them to stop by the Proxe

Sample script: Hi (name)! We are hosting a Vida!, a conversation station, with InterVarsity at (location) on (date) discussing our familia's engagement of mourning and where we find life (hope).