

Unlocking genius - Week 2 - EMPATHY - 'Does God care? Can we know for sure?'

Getting started

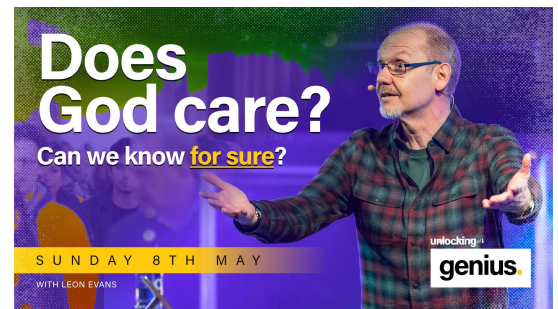
Have you ever been misunderstood or mistaken for someone else? What did it feel like?

Getting stuck in

- What comes to your mind when you hear the word 'empathy'?
- How different do you think empathy is from sympathy and pity?

The genius of Jesus was his empathy towards people.

- Can you think of some examples of this in the Bible?



Read John 11 v. 1 - 37

- What do you think are the key moments in this story for the sisters?
- What does this story reveal about the empathy of Jesus?
- Why is this so powerful?
- When have you suffered from the '*wounds of why?*'
- What does it mean for you that Jesus sits with and in our pain?
- How can we unlock the genius of empathy within us by the work of Gods spirit?
- What difference could it make to our relationships and our world?

'The deep things of God are never academic they are always intimate' - Erwin McManus.

- What does this quote mean do you think?

Finish by praying for one another, who needs the empathy of Jesus in their life right now? Who do you know who needs this empathy? Pray for people who don't know Jesus....

Going deeper

Read Luke 14 v. 1-14

- What does this passage reveal about the empathy of Jesus?
- Why is this so 'genius' in the way Jesus relates to the religious leaders?
- What are the implications for our lives from this?