



INTRODUCTION

Jesus responds to death with hope, compassion, power and love.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- Why do you think many western Christians reject the "facts of Easter" and instead celebrate the "principle of Easter?" What danger does this bring?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **John 11.11-44**
- Why do you think Jesus did not come to heal Lazarus in time?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life (**v25**)?
- Why do you think Jesus wept (**v35**)?
- Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Does John tell us?
- Why did this miracle lead Jesus' enemies to plan his murder (**vv45-53**)?

APPLICATION

- Have you ever wondered at times of great need, like Martha and Mary, "where are you Jesus?" What did you learn from those times?
- Why are there times that Jesus does not come to the rescue?
- Jesus says that those who live and believe in him will never die (**v26**). What is this "resurrected life" he speaks of? In what ways are you experiencing the resurrected life? Are there ways you can experience that life more deeply? Discuss.
- How should the resurrection of Jesus impact how we face our fears? Our troubles? Our guilt? Our death?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?