



INTRODUCTION

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, offers salvation to all who believe in him.

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 your biggest take-away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **John 11:1-44**.
- What can we learn from the fact that Jesus loved Lazarus yet let him die?
- How is death an opportunity to glorify Christ?
- When do we see Mary and Martha's faith worthy of commending?
- How are Jesus' actions throughout this passage designed to bring about faith?
- How is resurrection an opportunity to glorify Christ?

APPLICATION

- What do you think it would have been like for Lazarus, Mary, and Martha to be loved by Jesus?
- Share with the group ways that God has either brought you to faith or strengthened your faith through suffering.
- Jesus moves towards his own death in going to Judea (11:17-18). What comfort does that bring to us as believers?
- Do you sometimes feel like Jesus is not present with you in your suffering? How does Rom. 8:28 provide comfort to those who are hurting and grieving?
- Read John 11:22. Is it wrong to ask God to change your difficult circumstances? If not, then how should we respond if he doesn't relieve us from difficulty?
- John 11:35 shows us that Jesus weeps with those who are grieving. How are you comforted knowing you aren't alone in your grief?
- What is the ultimate hope of the believer in life and death?
- Why does the resurrection of Jesus provide joy in this life?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- There are a number of people in our church suffering. There are struggles with health, troubled relationships, and various other ways people are struggling. Please take time to pray for those in your group as well as those in our church who are suffering.
- Are there any other prayer needs?