

Small Group Study Guide, Week of March 30, 2025

John 11:1-46. "I AM the Resurrection and the Life "

Question: How can a good God allow tragedies and death to reign in our lives?

Big Idea: Jesus plans to unleash His glory through your resurrection from death.

Ice Breaker: Which friend of yours has been closer than a brother?

Dig:

1. From vv1-5, describe Jesus' relationship with this family. Given that relationship, why did Jesus intentionally delay traveling to see them? From vv8 and 16, What were the disciples afraid of? In that context, what do you think Jesus meant by his parable in vv9-10?
2. In vv17-33, compare Jesus' conversations with Martha and Mary. Describe each one's understanding. Each one's faith.
3. In v25, distinguish "resurrection" and "life." Since Jesus knew he was going to raise Lazarus (v11), how do you account for his weeping?
4. In vv45-46, account for the response of the Pharisees. Putting yourself in the drama, how would you feel as Martha? As Mary? As Lazarus? As one of the mourners?

Apply:

5. How have you experienced the Lord as your Resurrection and Life?
6. Have you ever felt like God was ignoring your prayers? What help do you gain from this passage in understanding your own prayer life?

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