

# POSTURE IN PAIN

## PASSAGES

John 11:1-44, John 5:28-30

## PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time and follow these steps to better engage with the passage:
  - PRAY: for insight, conviction, and personal application
  - READ: the passage in two different translations
  - REFLECT: on how the central principle of the passage affects you personally
  - PLAN: brainstorm effective ways that your MC can discuss the meaning, and application of the principles of the passage.

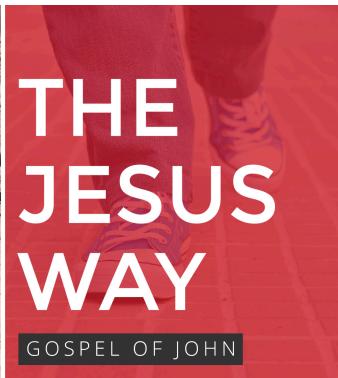
## DISCUSS (GROUP)

1. Review the main principle from the central teaching.

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2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. If applicable to your planned discussion time, consider using these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principles presented in the central teaching.
  - What is your next step in bringing resurrection life into some of your relationships?
  - What is the biggest barrier that is preventing you from doing so?
  - How might you better prepare yourself for bringing resurrection life to others?
4. Discuss action steps that might need to be taken as individuals and as an MC. Be as practical as possible and consider ways to both encourage each other (pray, text, call, etc) and also hold each other accountable to the actions steps (next week follow-up, etc).

# PRESENTATION SLIDES



## PRINCIPLE 1

**Living in the Jesus Way begins when we empty ourselves and live under the Father's authority, in His grace & truth, through the life of Jesus.**

## PRINCIPLE 2

**Living the Jesus Way is marked by readiness: relational readiness for gospel impact, readiness to engage mission, and readiness to demonstrate the Father's grace.**

## PRINCIPLE 3

**Living the Jesus Way includes seeking fulfillment in life through intentionally participating in the mission of God.**

## PRINCIPLE 4

**Living the Jesus Way includes embracing God's love and acceptance which emboldens us to confront the thinking of others.**

**John 5:28-30 |** <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when **all who are in the tombs** will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the **resurrection** of life, and those who have done evil to the **resurrection** of judgment. <sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

**John 11 |** <sup>1</sup> A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. <sup>2</sup> This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. <sup>3</sup> So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

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**John 11 |** <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." <sup>5</sup> So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> he stayed where he was for the next two days. <sup>7</sup> Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." <sup>8</sup> But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"

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**John 11 |** <sup>9</sup>Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light." <sup>11</sup>Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" <sup>13</sup>They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.

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**John 11 |** <sup>20</sup>When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." <sup>23</sup>Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>"Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." <sup>26</sup>Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

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**John 11 |** <sup>32</sup>When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. <sup>34</sup>"Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Then Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

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**John 11 |** Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup>You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." <sup>43</sup>Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

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**John 11 |** <sup>14</sup>So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus." <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup>and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss.

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**John 11 |** <sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God." <sup>28</sup>Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." <sup>29</sup>So Mary immediately went to him. <sup>30</sup>Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. <sup>31</sup>When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there.

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**John 11 |** <sup>38</sup>Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. <sup>39</sup>"Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." <sup>40</sup>Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" <sup>41</sup>So they rolled the stone aside.

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**John 11:12-15** | <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

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**John 11:20-23** | <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

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**John 11:20-23** | <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

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**John 11:39-41** | <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone.

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**John 11:4412-43** | And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

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**John 11:32-35** | <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

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**John 11:38-40** | <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

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**② The hope of resurrection life is to be modeled and proclaimed in all of life, even the hard times.**

#### **PRINCIPLE 5**

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