



Gathering INSIGHTS

Big Idea

The grief and sorrow of losing Lazarus for days revealed the demise of death through the power of Jesus.

Bible Discussion

Read John 11:1-6

Why did Jesus wait to go see Lazarus? Have you ever made a request and realize your timetable was different than God is receiving a response/answer?

Read John 11:21-27

Have you ever felt betrayed by God instead of Love when your plan didn't work out the way you desired? Explain Why.

Read Job 30:20,26

Job feels like God doesn't hear his prayers, yet he stays faithful. Can you think of a time when you prayed a similar prayer as Job feeling like God was ignoring you?

Read John 11:32-37

How does Jesus entering the suffering of Mary and Martha challenge you?

Read John 11:40-44

What does it reveal about Jesus that he allowed Lazarus' sisters, family and friends to go through the grief of losing him, yet the whole time had the power to bring Lazarus back?

Growing in Christ

Who do you relate to in the story of Lazarus? Mary and Martha making a plan and frustrated Jesus didn't follow – the disciples who are afraid to go back to Bethany – those in the crowd who said he loved them or those who said he could have healed him but didn't?

What does John 11 teach you about grief and sorrow?

Living as a Family

Jesus enters the suffering of those who are suffering. How have you seen that done well in the local church?

Why do you think living as a family during a time of grieving and loss is important?

Sharing the Gospel

How do you think this miracle helped share the gospel to unbelievers watching?

The demise of death is seen in the power of Jesus. What does it mean when Jesus says "I am the resurrection?" How is this a foreshadowing of Resurrection Sunday?

Go! You are sent as missionaries where you work, learn, live and play.