

## The Resurrection and the Life

Week 5 | John 11:1-44

Jesus Christ makes seven "I am" statements, recorded in the Gospel of John, that reveal to us his mission for the world, his love for his people, and his passion for his **glory**.

Gospel Communities are a people that are sharing **Christ** and **life** with one another.

These communities are designed to foster a family-like environment through the means of eating together, praying for each other, and sharing our lives with one another.

At the same time, Gospel Communities are purposefully centered on the gospel, as it is the gospel that provides all measures of growth. Therefore, as you read the passage of Scripture, be sure to note how this text connects with the rest of the Bible and points to the good news of Jesus Christ.

## **BEFORE YOU START**

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

What are the things that you tend to run to when life gets difficult?

## Read John 11:1-44.

Summarize the passage in your own words. How does this text connect to the gospel? What else stands out to you?

- What are the different ways that Jesus responds to the news of Lazarus' sickness, his death, and his resurrection? Why are these responses significant?
- Look at how Jesus comforts Mary and Martha in their pain. Does it look like what you would expect it to? What is the posture of your heart when the Lord does not respond like you want him to in your pain?
- Who are the people in your life that are currently facing difficulties and heartbreak? How can you respond and reveal Christ to them?

## **BEFORE YOU'RE SENT**

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?