



GRIEF

JESUS & GRIEF

Main Scripture: John 11

What is grief? Grief is acute pain that accompanies loss.

Story #1: My story of trying to pack all the pain down. (v 25-26)

Story #2: Jesus and Lazarus. (v 1-44)

Story #3: Your story of Jesus and grief.

1. The Grave of Grief.
2. Your pain is real.
3. You have permission to feel.
4. Jesus is not afraid of your grief.
5. Jesus compassionately enters your grief with you.
6. Jesus can give you His perspective and His presence with you.
7. Where are you? Red Dot-Blue Dot

Next Steps

1. Ask Jesus to talk to you about your grief... what does Jesus want you to know today?
2. Ask Jesus to show you how He feels about it.
3. Admit to Jesus that you can't keep going on like this and you want His help.
4. Ask for help—tell your small group. Join GriefShare; talk to someone you can trust.
5. Take a step towards Jesus and people around you today!

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The Small Group Sermon Study

John 11

Opening Prayer: Father, we thank you for all you have done for us. We pray in Jesus’ name that You would work in our hearts and minds today. Holy Spirit, we invite you into this place today as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. What did you like and/or appreciate about this message?

2. What was something that you learned from this message?

3. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. How have you seen grief impact our small group? What has this looked like?

 - b. John 11:21-24 shows us how Martha wrestled with who Jesus is and her own grief. How have you seen this wrestling in your own life? As Pastor Craig asked, where are you with grief and Jesus today?

 - c. The topic of grief can often be an uncomfortable one. How can you lean into our small group and really begin to connect in community as you process the grief in your life?

 - d. Pastor Craig tells us that Jesus is not afraid of our grief and that He compassionately enters into our grief with us. What could it look like for you to allow Jesus to see all of the grief on to which you have been holding?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

1. What emotions does this passage or key theme stir up in your heart? How will you manage those emotions as you carry on through your week?

2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what Jesus is showing you?

3. What word, phrase, verse or challenge do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: Spend some time praying for one another (that we would learn to let Jesus into our grief and that we, and others, can begin to be transformed by the works that He will do in our hearts).