

Encounters With Jesus #3

"The Hopeful"

Encountering Jesus changes everything, by Pastor Jason on 4-7-24

Text: John 11:1-44

Why the pain and suffering? (John 11:1-16)

- So God can be GLORIFIED through it
- And so that you might BELIEVE

Faith and Resurrection (John 11:17-27)

- Jesus IS the Resurrection and the life
- Our faith is in the PROMISE, not the miracle

Jesus wept. (John 11:28-37)

- Jesus enters into our SUFFERING
- Jesus SEES, KNOWS, and CARES

In Raising Lazarus, Jesus shows that . . . (John 11:38-44)

1. He is the SON OF GOD
2. He is SOVEREIGN and in CONTROL
3. He is the RESURRECTION and the LIFE
4. He is LOVING and COMPASSIONATE

So . . .

1. BELIEVE
2. REMAIN
3. WATCH
4. BE FREE

*OUR MISSION: Inviting people to Encounter a life changing God
And become passionate followers of Christ.*

TOGETHER GROUP QUESTIONS

Read **John 11:1-44**. What stands out in this passage? What is God's heart wanting to communicate to us through this Scripture?

Why is there pain and suffering in this world? How can God use these things when we are going through hard times?

Share a painful time in your life that you can look back on now, and see how God used that moment to draw you closer to Him.

In the story of Lazarus, we learn that our faith is in the promise, not the miracle. What are some of the promises (from God's Word) that we can lean into when we're going through a confusing or painful time in life?

What did Jesus display or show when He raised Lazarus from the dead?

In the final sequence of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44), we see a healthy pattern to follow in the midst of trials and/ or suffering: Believe, Remain, Watch, and Be free. Share with the group what these 4 phrases mean to you, and how you can apply them during tough times.

Close by each person sharing with your group one hard or painful thing they need prayer for, and that they would look to Jesus for hope.