Weekend Message Questions John: A Cast of Characters Friends of Jesus March 18-19, 2023

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing. How was everyone's Spring Break?

READ: John 20:30-31 DISCUSS:

• What is a story someone has told you that you thought "I'll believe it when I see it!"?

READ: John 11:1-7 DISCUSS:

• Has there been a time when you or someone close to you has been sick and you were able to still see the goodness of God?

READ: John 11:11-15 DISCUSS:

• This can be confusing, share a time when you were confused by what you are going through? When you found it hard to fathom what your circumstances were?

READ: John 11:17-21

DISCUSS:

• When have you felt like if Jesus had done what you wanted him to do, things would have turned out better?

READ: John 11:22

DISCUSS:

• We see that even in Martha's pain, being so great, she trusted Jesus. Can you relate or do you find this challenging?

READ: John 11:23-27

DISCUSS:

• No matter the circumstances, do you express your faith in Jesus? That He is who He says He is.

READ: John 11:28-36 DISCUSS:

• Jesus meets Mary in her pain, different then how Martha reacted to everything. Do you find yourself gravitating to more of Martha or Mary when you react to your circumstances?

READ: John 11:38-44

DISCUSS:

- This was a public resurrection of Lazarus, why did he not just do this in front of Mary and Martha?
- What was significant about when, where, and how?

DISCUSS:

- No matter if you are Mary or Martha, how are you challenged by this story and seeing Jesus in the details of your circumstances?
- What have you been carrying that you need to give to God?
- What are you going through that you have been trying to control, rather than accepting where God has you and leading with faith?
- What are you waiting to see before you believe that God has gone before you? If this is hard to answer, talk with a safe close friend to help you identify areas in your life.

Pray to close.

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