



Discipleship Guide
Take Off The Grave Clothes
John 11

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

John 11:17-44

Mary and Martha go on a journey of faith after the death of their brother.

- What are some of the things that you “keep busy” with that distract you from the grief in your life? What are some of the things you do to connect with Jesus in your grief?
- Mary and Martha go on a journey of faith from “If only Jesus was here...” to “If Jesus is God, what will Jesus do in this loss?”
- What does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection and life for you and me?

If Jesus is God in the flesh who moves into the neighborhood...

- What does it mean that Jesus weeps in the face of grief? What permission to grieve to we receive in Jesus’ grief?
- What is a [insert your habit/sin/grief] that you have believed is greater than Jesus’ love? How do you entrust your life to Jesus when you are overwhelmed with that habit/sin/grief?

Jesus tells Lazarus to come out and for the people to take off his grave clothes.

- Are you still living with your grave clothes on?
- Are you dressing others with grave clothes and making resurrection difficult for them? How can you drop this practice?

For our kids (and adults too!):

Name one way that you can let go of a bad habit, sin, or pain that makes it hard to trust Jesus.

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?