

## "Come Out"

### Opening Announcements

### Opening Prayer

Q: When you hear the name "Lazarus" what comes to mind?

Q: What do you think it was like for Lazarus as he got sick, or as he died?

**Table Time:** at your tables, read the following and answer the questions

READ: John 11:11-27 "Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Q: What's interesting/significant about Martha's confession in verses 21-22?

Q: What's interesting about the exchange between Jesus and Martha in verses 23-24?

Q: What does Jesus announce in verses 25-26? What's comforting about it? What's significant about the question at the end of verse 26?

Q: What's Martha's confession in verse 27?

### Big Groups Debrief...

READ: John 11:28-44 "When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to

where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" **Jesus Raises Lazarus**<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Q: After Jesus proclaims the good news to Martha, what does Martha then do?

Q: How is this like other instances when people encounter Jesus?

Q: How does Martha become "missional"?

Q: What is significant about Jesus' reaction to their reaction and the situation?

Q: According to verse 39, Martha cautions Jesus. What's His admonishment in verse 40?

Q: So according to Jesus in verses 41-42, WHY does he pray in this way? What does this teach us...or what do we come to know about Jesus through this?

Q: What happens in verse 43-44?

Q: How does Lazarus become an example of things to come?

Q: What impact do you think Lazarus had on the community around him, this extended family and the people of Jerusalem after this?

Q: How are WE to be the same?