

## **Gospel According to John Small Group Guide:**

### **Week 6**

Beginning question: Name one of your favorite things about someone in your family.

\*Take a moment to pray as a group and ask God for a believing and receptive heart and for God to show you himself more clearly through this study of John.

### **Read John 11:1-27**

What do the different people we see here expect of Jesus?

Why does Jesus seem to let the situation get worse before he acts?

Where might your expectations of what Jesus "should be doing" be hindering you from receiving what he is doing? Ask him for an open mind and heart so you can follow where he leads.

**WHY DID JESUS LET LAZARUS DIE? Reread John 11:1–6** List everything you learn about the relationships and history between Jesus, Lazarus, Mary, and Martha.

How would you expect Jesus to respond to their plea?

How does he respond?

Explain the "So" or "Therefore" at the beginning of John 11:6.

How does what comes after the "So" follow from what came before?

Three important questions to ask when reading any passage in the Bible: 1. What? 2. How? 3. Why?

### **Read John 11:28-44**

What would you see, hear, smell, and feel if you were present at this scene?

Where do you see faith, hope, and love exhibited here in the midst of sorrow?

How might Jesus want to show you his glory and call you to greater trust in the midst of a current pain in your life?

### **John 11 Prayer** *\*Optionally end with the John 11 Prayer*

Sovereign Lord, we struggle with our mortality in this dark world. The ones we love live and die. Grant us faith to believe in the resurrection. Your Son is the Resurrection. On the last day He will awaken those who sleep in Him. Their souls are alive and awake with You even now. Whatever Your Son asks of You, You will surely give Him. He is our life. Grant us more and more life in Him day by day. Comfort us in our grief and loss. Console us in a day of distress. Remind us of the truth, that though we weep, Your Son is the Resurrection. He loves us. We do not want to grieve Your Holy Spirit today with our unbelief. Grant us a fuller assurance. We do believe, but we seem to ignore the power of the resurrection. You sent Your Son to save us. He will come again to call our resting bodies from the grave. He will not be stopped. It was most necessary for this one Man to die, so that we might live as Your people. We are Your children who were scattered abroad, but now we are being gathered together into Your church. Grant us all a great delight in worship as we anticipate together the glory of the coming Day.