

PART 7: RAISING LAZARUS

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-26 John 14:6 John 5:18 John 20:28 John 8:58 John 11:27-44

Hebrews 12:1 John 11:53

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever asked the question: "What can fix the evil in this world?" or "If God is good, why is there evil in the world?" What were the circumstances? What response did you hear from others or what response did you come up with? Were you satisfied with that response? Why or why not?
- 2. Read John 11:21. Martha's heart was in despair because her brother had died. When have you experienced despair—the complete loss or absence of hope?
- 3. The most challenging claim Jesus made was that He is God. Why is this claim so difficult for people to believe? What is your response to this claim?
- 4. Read John 11:35. Jesus could be so strong one minute and vulnerable the next because he was both God and man. Jesus gave Martha truth and gave Mary tears...he gave each sister exactly what they needed in that moment. When have you needed truth from Jesus? When have you needed tears?
- 5. In John 11:38 Jesus was angry at evil and death because they were not God's original design. Most of what is wrong in the world is caused by the human heart—the selfishness, pride, anger, lust, cruelty, and violence that's deep down in every one of us. What things make you the most angry? Why? What things around you, or in you, ought to make you angry?
- 6. Is there an area of your life where you are wearing "grave clothes?" Where are you still bound by sin from your past? What grave clothes do you need to take off?

Application Prayer: Jesus, you are the Resurrection and the Life. Resurrect in me what has been dead to sin.