



JOHN CHAPTER 11 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is one thing that you wished God would do that He hasn't done yet?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (John 11:1-57)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

John 11:1-6

- How would you characterize the relationship that Jesus had with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- What does Jesus' delay indicate about His mission and His love for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus and for humanity in general?

- While Jesus' loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus with all His being, His love for them didn't mean that He was going to "fix" everything for them and this love certainly didn't mean that everything was going to be "fixed" for them in ways that they envisioned or expected. As human beings, it is important to remember that while Jesus' heart is for us and His love for us is both deep and wide, this does not mean that Jesus is going to "fix" things in ways that we might expect or envision. And it may not even mean that Jesus is going to fix things at all.

John 11:7-16

- When Jesus tells His disciples that they are going to return to Judea, why are they surprised and what does Jesus' response indicate about His character and resolve?
 - Jesus faced a ton of opposition in Judea and the disciples understand that He is a wanted man in Judea and not in good ways. Jesus' response indicates that He continues to place Himself in the hands of His Father. He is resolved to continue to move Himself out of the way for the sake of His Father and the kingdom of God. He is continuing to risk greatly for the kingdom of God.
 - In what ways do you need to be more fully resolved to follow God regardless of the costs to you personally? What is one way that you risked this week for the kingdom of God?
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John 11:17-27

- What is the significance of John referencing that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days?
 - Jesus knew that there was a Jewish superstition that said the soul of a person would remain near the tomb for three days and that on the fourth day, there would be no hope of someone raising from the dead. This is what Jesus was walking into, a seemingly hopeless and finalized situation.
 - What situations and/or habits do you really believe cannot be changed, even by and through the power of God? Is there anyone

that is a part of your life including yourself that when you think about it you believe is a lost cause?

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John 11:28-37

□ When Scripture references Jesus as deeply moved, what does this indicate about Jesus' heart even in the midst of His knowledge that He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead?

- Jesus lived on this earth as fully engaged. He didn't have a hands-off approach and certainly didn't live as a detached individual void of emotions. His heart was moved to compassion, and He cared deeply for people and loved people with His entire heart.

▪ Consider and discuss the following questions.

- Does your heart break for the things that God's heart breaks for? Do you respond in the same ways that God does?
- Do you see people like God does?

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John 11:38-57

□ Picture the scene in verse 43 and Jesus crying out to Lazarus in a loud voice.

- What dead and dark places is Jesus calling you to come out of in your own life? What are you doing about it?

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□ Do you believe that Jesus poses a threat to people's way of life? Why or why not?

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▪ In your own life, what ways of life is Jesus seeking to dismantle?

- This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Reread John 11:53. In what ways can you and I seek to make Jesus out to be the bad guy in our own hearts and minds?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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