

# GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

## CONNECT

Have you ever lost a loved one? What helped you cope with loss?

## LEARN & APPLY

**Read John 11:1-16.**

- What do we learn about Jesus' relationship with this family?

**Read John 11:17-32.**

- How would you describe Martha's reaction to Jesus? How would you describe Mary's reaction? What do these interactions suggest about how we can grieve in faith?

**Read John 11:33-37.**

- The words "deeply moved in spirit and troubled" can be translated as compassion or anger. Have you ever been angry at death? How does it impact you to know Jesus felt the same way? What does verse 35 tell you?
- Verse 37 raises a common question: If the Lord could stop death from happening, why didn't he? Have you ever asked the Lord that question?

**Read John 11:38-44, then John 3:16-17.**

- The whole reason for this Lenten journey to the cross is summed up here. What is the Lord showing you in this?

## PRAY

Lord Jesus, you entered death for us so that we'd never face it alone. In the midst of our earthly struggles, help us see your eternal gift for us that never fails. Amen.