

Sermon Discussion Guide

Unrecognized King: Week 4

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

John 11

Main Ideas

In this passage, Jesus declares Himself to be "the resurrection and the life", showing His power over death by raising His friend Lazarus from the dead. In doing this, Jesus is essentially trading His life for Lazarus, as this is the event that leads the high priest and Pharisees to plan Jesus' death, propelling Him on His path towards the cross.

Icebreaker Question

- If you could go back and re-do one moment in your life, would you? What would it be?

Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe Jesus' reasoning for waiting until Lazarus had already died before coming to visit Mary and Martha?
 - a. Have you ever experienced frustration at God for not moving according to your timeline?
2. What does Jesus claim about Himself in vv. 25-26?
 - a. What promises does Jesus make in these verses?
3. How do you think the people would have reacted when Lazarus came out of the tomb?
4. John describes the miracles of Jesus as "signs"- in other words, actions that point to a greater reality. What is this "sign" of Jesus pointing us to?
5. Read the claim of Caiaphas, the high priest, in v. 50.
 - a. What about Jesus does he get right?
 - b. What does he fail to understand?
6. Is there a pain in your life that you need to bring to the grace and mercy of God? Is there anything keeping you from doing that?