

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 9, 2016

This Week's Focus: Jesus possesses the power of life, and he conquered sin and death on the cross and by his resurrection from the grave, so that all those who believe in him will have eternal life.

This Week's Text: John 11:28-44

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." **John 11:25**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- How did Martha greet Jesus when he arrived at Bethany? Where do you read signs of grief in her words? Where do you read signs of faith?
- Read verse 23. Is Jesus referring to the final resurrection of the dead? What did Jesus reveal about himself to Martha, and what does this text reveal about Jesus to us today? During difficult times in your life, do you confess like Martha that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?
- What did Mary do when she heard that Jesus was in the village? How and why did Jesus respond differently to Mary than to Martha? What caused Jesus to be "deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled" (verse 33)? Discuss some times in your life when you have felt sorrowful, angry, and frustrated about sin and death.
- Read verse 35. Is it comforting to know that Jesus loves you and sympathizes with you in the pains, trials, and sufferings of life?
- Why was Jesus "deeply moved again" in verse 38? Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Reference verse 4 and 40.
- How do you see the gospel proclaimed in this passage?
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?