

## John 11:17-44 | I am the Resurrection and the Life

### Getting Going (15 mins)

1. Settling In & Opening Prayer
2. What was one of the best surprises you ever received in life?

### Digging Deeper (40 mins)

1. Review:
  - a. Did anything happen this past week that you would like to share?
2. Read **John 11:1-6**. According to these verses, what was the purpose of Lazarus' sickness? Do you think that there may be times today when our serious sicknesses could have the same purpose? Why or why not?
3. According to **John 2:11**, Jesus' miracles revealed his glory and the outcome was "his disciples believed in him." Now read **John 11:14-15**, what outcome was to result from Lazarus' death? Could this outcome be possible from our sicknesses and deaths today? Why or why not?
4. Jesus met each of the sisters individually when he came to Bethany. What did each of them say to him upon his arrival (**John 11:21 & John 11:32**)? Now notice the difference in the way Jesus responds to the sisters despite them saying the exact same thing (**John 11:23-26 & John 11:33-35**). Why do you think Jesus responded intellectually to one and emotionally to the other? What implications does this have for us today?
5. Now read **John 11:40-42**. What was the purpose of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? Do you believe? Does your life show it? How so?

### Practical Preparation (10 mins)

1. What thoughts or emotions do you have at the death of a loved one? What about your own death?
2. Does this story about Lazarus bring you any comfort? How so, or why not?

### Parting Prayer (15 mins)

1. Martha & Mary shared their hearts with Jesus regarding the death of their brother. What cares or concerns are you sharing with Jesus today? What could you be sharing? Make these a point of prayer.

Extra Question – What sort of impression do you think you give to others?