



# Roots

## Introduction

Share, if you are comfortable, about a pivotal circumstance in your life.

## Reflection

Read [John 11:1-45](#)

What does this passage tell you about God?

What does this passage tell you about people?

## Discussion Questions

What are pivotal circumstances? Why are they significant in our lives? What do they have to do with our faith?

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." - C.S. Lewis.

How do you feel about this quote? What are the implications of this in our own lives concerning our pain and God's purposes?

"Pivotal circumstances are not accidental but rather intentionally curated moments designed to do something in us and not simply something to us."

How does [John 11:15](#) support this idea? How do you feel about this? What does this say about the value God places on the depth of our faith?

Why is [John 11:21](#) a critical passage in this recorded experience? Have you ever experienced or felt what Martha is feeling here? How did it affect your faith? What does this say about our pain and our faith?

What does [John 11:35](#) teach us about Jesus? Is this significant for you personally? Why or why not? How does [John 1:14](#) & [Hebrews 4:15](#) deepen your understanding of what is happening here?

## Application

If you find yourself in the middle of a pivotal circumstance add this to your prayer: God, I need to see you in this.

