



GROUP CHECK-IN:

Part of the rhythms of us as a group is to move beyond just *learning* but moving through life together. This space to start is a great way to begin to move into sharing rhythms together, trusting and being faithful with the relationships entrusted to us.

Ask this question: ***“What are three words you’d use to describe your week?”***

Give space for everyone to answer, stopping to pray for one another as the Holy Spirit leads.

MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:

“THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE IN JESUS BEING YOUR SAVIOR AND BEING THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE.”

SUNDAY TEACHING RECAP:

Week 3 we looked at John 11 and the story of Jesus and Lazarus: ***the big question that Jesus asked Mary and Martha is the same question He asks us – do you believe? Is Jesus Lord of your Life?***

Take time as a group to reread **John 11:1-6, 18-48, 53** out loud in your group. Invite to share key words and phrases or repeated words that stand out in the passage. Feel free to have multiple readers in different translations (sometimes hearing the way others translate a word/phrase differently can shed more light on the truth the Holy Spirit wants us to hear.)



CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- Both Martha and Mary address Jesus with “*if only...*” and declare that *if* Jesus had done this, then this other thing would not have happened. What sort of *if only* statements do we make in our community/personal lives that limit us from seeing the fullness of Jesus as ***the resurrection and the life***. (Where do we misplace our hope, misplace our trust in what Jesus is doing?)
- The big theme is that following Jesus isn’t just about admiring Him or marveling at what Jesus can do – but trusting Jesus with our past, present, and future. Jesus as Lord means that every part of us is surrendered to Him. What is hard to grasp between Savior and Lord? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you individually and as a community as you dialogue through this difference.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

*Pastor Brannon challenged us with the question: **If Jesus saved your life, is He worth your life?***

First Steps (PERSONAL REFLECTION): *Do I trust Jesus as Lord of my life? Do I trust Him with my past, present, and future?* Take some space in prayer, meditation, journal, conversation to ask where you may be declaring “*if only...*” that may hinder you from seeing the fullness of Jesus in your life.

Next Steps (COMMUNITY GROWTH): *“The pain and the sorrow and the death of this world are worth the weeping of the Lord. Your pain and your sorrow are worth the weeping of the Lord – you are that loved.”* How might this reminder from John 11 fuel your group to care for one another? How might this truth of the heart of Jesus encourage your group to see the needs of your neighbors/workplaces/spaces in a new light? In what ways can your community display the heart of Jesus to those around you? What tangible thing can you do this week to mirror this heart posture?