

The Resurrection and the Life

Open The Conversation: What's the best gift you have ever received?

Key Scripture: Read the following together.

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" before Lazarus came out of the tomb. Where is God asking you to trust Him before you see a change, and what would that faith look like in your life right now?
- When God Seems Late: Mary and Martha both told Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Why do you think Jesus allowed them to experience the delay? How can we encourage one another to trust God's love when His timing doesn't make sense?
- Jesus responded to Martha with truth and to Mary with tears. What does this teach us about how Jesus meets us in our grief? How can we become better at supporting people who are hurting without rushing them toward an answer or a solution?
- After Lazarus came out of the tomb, Jesus told the people around him, "Loose him, and let him go." What might modern-day "grave clothes" look like in a person's life, and how can our church community help people walk in the freedom Jesus has given them?

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

"Jesus, show me the dead areas of my life I can bring to You again, and trust You in the waiting. When I don't understand, I will choose You. Amen."