



Community Group Discussion Guide

December 8, 2013

Week 3 - Who's Going to Save Me?

John 11:25-26

Read John Chapter 11:1-44 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

In this five week series we're looking at five "I AM" statements made by Jesus. In each one of these statements Jesus tells us something about himself and doing this, he answers five of the biggest questions we have in life.

Questions for Study

1. Describe a time in your life when you felt like things were out of your control, a time you needed help from someone else to get you out of (or through) the difficult situation.
2. How is death an ultimate reminder that we are not in control of our lives?
3. From the passage in John 11 (vv. 1-3), what do you think Mary and Martha were hoping Jesus would do when they sent word to Him that Lazarus was sick? (For a hint, read verses 21 and 32.)
4. Read John 11:4. What purpose did Jesus have in mind throughout this scene? What are your reactions to Jesus' statement in this verse?
5. As the story plays out in John 11:1-44, how do things happen in a way that fulfills the purpose of John 11:4? In other words, how is Jesus glorified through what happens?
6. Read Jesus' "I am" statement in John 11:25-26. How do these words show that "With Jesus, even death does not have the last word"?
7. How does Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus (vv. 38-44) validate the credibility of His "I am" statement?
8. Jesus didn't just raise Lazarus from the dead – shortly after this episode, Jesus Himself dies and is raised to life on the third day. In what ways does Jesus' own resurrection add meaning to how we understand Him to be "the resurrection and the life," and what that means for us even now? (For a hint, check out Romans 6:3-4 and/or 1 Corinthians 15.)
9. How should Jesus' identity as "the resurrection and the life" impact your life in practical ways?
10. What else – either from the sermon or this passage in John 11 – were you hoping to discuss? Consider especially questions you still have and/or major take-always from this material on the Jesus as "the resurrection and the life."