

SERMON GUIDE

GRIEF AND LOSS

John 11:17-44

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 6)

1 Peter 2:24 (Gospel)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Think about a time when you were grieving or feeling a sense of loss—what brought you comfort during that time?

Note About Our Study: This study has more observations questions than a normal SOAP study. It follows the questions that were shared on the cards on Sunday. For the sake time, try to answer the questions quickly and keep the conversation going!

Read John 11:17-44

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

- O** What emotions are the characters in this story experiencing?

- O** What is this emotion revealing about their hearts? What do they fear, love, and worship?

- O** What patterns of thought is this situation revealing? Where have their thoughts gone when Lazarus is dead, and they see Jesus finally arrive?
 - What is actually true?
 - How is God drawing near to them right now?
 - How could this situation have drawn them closer to God? What would a godly response look like?

- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

- A** How does Jesus' compassion in this passage (John 11:33-35) and His declaration that He is the resurrection and the life (v. 25) shape the way you grieve and hope?"

- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.