

Small Group Discussion: “He Called My Name” (John 11:1–44)

1. Remembering Death, Remembering Life

The sermon opened with *memento mori*, *memento vivere* — “remember you will die, so remember to live.”

How does thinking honestly about death help you live more meaningfully today? What are some ways our culture tries to avoid that kind of reflection?

2. Jesus’ Timing and Our Trust

In John 11:1–16, Jesus delays going to Lazarus even though he loves the family.

Can you think of a time when it felt like God was “late” in responding to your prayers? Looking back, what might He have been doing in that delay?

3. Disappointment and Faith

Martha and Mary both tell Jesus, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

What does this show about their faith and their pain? How can we bring our honest disappointments to God without losing trust in Him?

4. Jesus’ Emotions

In verses 33–38, Jesus weeps and feels anger toward death.

What does it mean to you that Jesus both hates death and joins us in our sorrow? How could this truth shape how we comfort others who are grieving?

5. “Do You Believe This?”

Jesus asks Martha, “Do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life?” (vv. 25–26).

What would it look like this week for you to live as if that’s true — that Jesus is the source of life, even in situations that seem hopeless?