



## Devotional and Discussion Guide

*This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.*

### **READ**

**Begin by reading John 11:1-44.**

- As you read, underline or highlight any words that stand out to you.
- How does Jesus demonstrate love throughout this chapter?
- What surprises you about the flow of this story?
- What questions do you have?

### **REFLECT**

- **ON LOVE:** In your life, how have you experienced the love of Jesus? Is it easy for you to believe that Jesus loves you? What, if anything, makes you hesitant to fully accept the love of Jesus? How do you think your life would be different if we were able to fully live in the truth that Jesus loves you?
- **ON HARDSHIP:** Have you ever struggled with understanding why Jesus doesn't prevent bad things from happening? Like Mary and Martha have you ever thought, "Lord, if you had been here..." Do you see things any differently in hindsight?
- **ON GRIEF:** In this story what can you learn from Jesus' grief? Is there someone or something in your life right now that you need to grieve?

### **PRAY**

- Begin your time of prayer by reading **Psalms 36:5-7**. Try reading it slowly, three times through. After each reading, pause for a few seconds, think about what stood out to you, then read it again.
- Use these verses to guide your prayer. Here are some things to get you started.  
**FOCUS** on the greatness of God's unfailing love for you.  
**THANK** God for His faithfulness to you.  
**CONFESS** the times you have believed God's love to be small.  
**ASK** God to help you rely on His love, even in hardship and grief.

**\*Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

1 Corinthians 15:22  
1 John 4:9  
Galatians 2:20-21  
Psalms 73:23-26