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## Weekly Sermon Based Discussion Questions

**May 17, 2026**

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. In John 20:30-31, the apostle John shared that his reason for sharing his story was that others might know that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God, and that in believing they might have life in his name. Does your story reflect this? Why or why not?
2. From John 11:3 and Philippians 4:6: How can we prepare for the possibility that God may say no to our prayers? How can we guard our hearts from developing a false view of the goodness of God?
3. John 11: 5-6: Has God ever intentionally had you wait for your request to be answered? How can you look back at that time and see how He was caring for you?
4. John 11: 7-10: has fear or discomfort ever prevented you from doing God's work or speaking about Him? Describe a time when you overcame that fear?
5. John 11: 21-28: How did Martha continue following Christ even though she was hurting from her brother's death? How can we do the same?
6. John 11: 28-32: Have you ever lived through a time when God's promises didn't seem like enough to you? What pulled you back to Him?

7. John 11: 33-38: What was Jesus' response to the pain of those around Him? How can we be more like Him?

8. John 11: 38-41: how can Jesus' command for the people to roll away the stone relate to the church's responsibility to their community and one another?

9. John 11: 43-45: participating in the Lord's work strengthened the belief of the people that day. How can you/ your family/ your small group serve Christ in a way that bolsters your faith in Him?

10. Looking ahead: in John 12, we see Lazarus and Mary after the miracle. How were they different from before? How does your story involve, "I was dead, but Jesus..." Share the Gospel with your group.