



SEPTEMBER 12

SIGNS

THE SEVENTH SIGN

This weekend we continued our series on the Gospel of John by taking a deeper look into Jesus' resurrection of Lazarus. We learned that Jesus doesn't always work on our timetable, but that He always brings new life and that He alone has the power to resurrect the dead.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 11:21

"Lazarus, come out!" **John 11:43b**

Before you begin this study, take a few moments to prepare your heart, and ask God to lead you as you complete this study.



DINNER & COVENANT WEEK

This week, we start our fall session of Life Groups with a dinner and covenant meeting. Your Life Group leaders should have contacted you by now to make sure you know the time and location of the meeting, as well as what to expect for the first evening. If you have not heard from your Life Group leaders, please contact Stacy Sullivan at (818) 709-0113, ext. 105, and she will help you get connected.

The Life Group Covenant explains the purpose of your Life Group, clarifies the expectations for being a part of your Life Group, and explains what you are committing to for this session. Your covenant will look different based on whether you are in a digital (Zoom) group or an outdoor group.

As you prepare for your meeting, make sure to take some time to answer the questions in the study and then bring them with you to your first meeting.

Finally, we are providing less space for answers on this sheet, so make sure to have a journal handy to write down your answers.

Enjoy!



GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

A time machine has been created and you have won a contest to be the first person ever to time travel. The one caveat is that you are only allowed to travel back in time. What year do you travel back to, where do you want to go, and why?



READ

What do these passages teach us about how big Jesus is?

- John 11:17-45



REFLECT

What insights do these passages reveal about Jesus' power?

1. Read John 11:17-45 from this weekend's message and summarize Jesus' teaching in your own words.
 - What is most impactful to you about these verses?
 - Is there one specific verse that impacted you most? Explain.
2. After reading these verses and having done this short Bible study, list at least three things you have learned about Jesus.
3. What is your biggest take away from these verses?



RESPOND

What does God want to say to me about Jesus and who He is?

1. In our current series, *Signs*, we are studying Jesus' claims of deity in the Gospel of John. In this gospel, John has highlighted seven of Jesus' supernatural signs that reveal who He is and why He has come. This weekend we studied the seventh and final sign Jesus performed before His death. Here is a list of the seven signs. Take a moment to read and review each one.

- Jesus turns water into wine. (John 2:1-11)
- Jesus heals a royal official's son. (John 4:43-54)
- Jesus heals a lame man at Pool of Bethesda. (John 5:1-14)
- Jesus feeds the 5,000. (John 6:1-15)
- Jesus walks on water. (John 6:16-24)
- Jesus heals a blind man. (John 9:1-12)
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:17-45)

If you had personally been present when Jesus performed each of these seven miracles, which one would definitely have caused you to re-think who Jesus is? Why is this miracle so impactful for you? What about this miracle, specifically, would cause you to reconsider who Jesus really is?

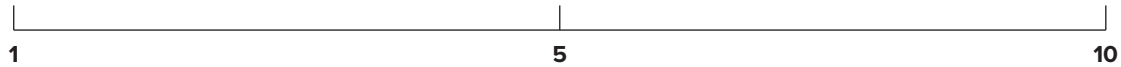
2. In the message this weekend, we learned that both Mary and Martha were in deep pain at the loss of their brother, Lazarus. They may have been confused as to why Jesus didn't heal him. But, in the end, they came to realize that *Jesus said "no" to their original request, in order to give a bigger "yes"*.
 - Looking back over your life, has there ever been a time in which you experienced *Jesus saying "no" to one of your requests, only to give you a bigger "yes" later on?* If so, Explain?
3. This weekend, we learned that *"Martha had a high view of Jesus, but it wasn't high enough."*

- What is your initial response to this statement?
- How do you think our view of Jesus can grow over time?

4. In the message this weekend, Michael's two questions were:

- *How Big ... Is Your Jesus?*
- *What is Jesus ... Asking You To Believe?*

On the scale below, how would you rate your view of Jesus at this point in your life, and why? (1 is "small being Small, 10 is "big")?



- What is one step that you can take this week to help increase your view of Jesus in your life?
- How would you answer Michael's second question?
- Do you trust what He is asking you to believe about Him? If yes, why? If no, what is holding you back from trusting what He is asking you to believe?

5. Take a few moments, find a quiet place and listen to the song Rattle by Brandon Lake (featuring Tasha Cobbs Leonard). You can find it on You Tube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ss8iQ1fOwSA> or on iTunes, Spotify or Pandora.

After listening to the song, spend some time processing any questions or doubts you have about who Jesus is or what He is asking you to do. Ask Him to meet you in your doubts, and reveal Himself in new ways, so that He can become BIGGER in your life.



LOOKING FORWARD

1. What are you looking forward most to in this Life Group session?
2. What one thing would you like God to do in your life this Life Group session?



TOPICAL PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of each Life Group. Often those who are new to a Life Group are intimidated by praying aloud if they have never done it before. Others are so comfortable with prayer that they can take over the prayer time without meaning to. For these reasons we suggest practicing topical prayer to help your group get comfortable praying together. Here are three basic guidelines:

1. Focus on a Single Topic/Request at a Time

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a topic is introduced, one or two members pray for that request. Then the Life Group leader will direct the prayer time by sharing the next topic/request.

2. Pray Several Times Together

By focusing on one topic at a time, each member has an opportunity to pray at different times for the requests they are most passionate about.

3. Keep Requests/Prayers Short and Simple

By keeping both requests and prayers short and simple, everyone has a chance to share and pray. This helps those who are new to prayer feel more comfortable praying. It also helps everyone stay focused during your time of prayer together.