

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

I AM THE RESURRECTION | JOHN 11:1-44  
FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022

## SERMON OUTLINE

- Death in defeat.
- Death in despair.
- Death in the delay.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Review the passage: What did Thomas mean in John 11:16 when he said "let us also go that we may die with him"? What did Lazarus do to deserve being raised from the dead? What does that teach us about our answer to the question "why should God let you into heaven"?
2. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
3. How does the resurrection speak into or meet you in the midst of defeat in your life? Another way to think of it might be, how does knowing and meditating on the truth of the resurrection help you overcome defeat?
4. There are many places in life that no matter how hard we try, we won't be able to change those circumstances or get ourselves out of that situation. How is that good for us? How has God used past seasons of difficulty outside your control to work in your life?
5. If God is delaying a "yes", then he had a purpose and a reason for it. Why might God delay answering your prayers? How should we respond in the midst of the waiting and not knowing whether His answer is a "no" or a "not yet"?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How have you or are you experiencing defeat? How can the group pray for you as you seek to view that defeat through the lens of the resurrection?
2. If you've been in church for a while, Easter can sometimes feel mundane. Was that true for you this past Sunday? Whether it did or not, why do you think that is? What did God especially put on your heart this Easter that impacted or challenged you?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God that Jesus not only died for our sins but was resurrected, conquering death and sin!
2. Pray for our first-time visitors and anyone who doesn't know Christ as Lord and Savior that came to our Easter services, that they would put their faith in Jesus and return to COAH so we can continue ministering to them.
3. Ask God to help us show that same love Jesus showed us on the cross to those around us, and in doing so bring Him glory.