



## LifeGroup Discussion Guide

### How to Die - Jesus

*Remember this page is designed to begin a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and fuller conversation, study, and discussion.*

Go around and share something that you fear? And do those fears relate to death in any way?

**READ: John 11:4** - What do you think Jesus means to teach his disciples by telling them that Lazarus' sickness will not end in death? How does this prediction by Jesus seem overturned by **verse 14**? If you knew the circumstances around your future death, how would that affect you? Would it change the way you live now? Why or why not?

**READ: John 11:5-6** - Why does it seem inexplicable that Jesus would tarry 2-full days knowing that the one he loved was dying? How are we affected by God's choice not to heal our loved ones in our sense of God's diminishing love? What do you think was going through the minds and hearts of Mary and Martha during those days?

**READ: Romans 8:37-39** - In what way is Paul convinced that God's love makes us "more than conquerors?"

**READ: Mark 5:37-42** - Why is Jesus' perspective on death laughable by the mourners? What do you think your response would be if you were in their position?

**READ: John 11:11-14** - What mistake did the disciples make?

**READ: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15** - What is the hope that the Apostle Paul is giving to the church in Thessalonica? How does viewing death as "*sleep*" remove our fears?

Our application for this study challenged us to "*run to Jesus*" when death shows up. How did Mary and Martha get this right? How did they get it wrong? In what way have you helped others to "*run to Jesus*" when they were faced with grief and loss?

**READ: Matthew 10:28-31** - How ought our fears drive us towards Jesus?

In this series on death we have seen many Christian perspectives - go around and share which of the Apostles' teachings have been most impactful and share how you can encourage one another to face death with a preparation that focuses on Jesus' victory.

Conclude your time with prayer after **READING: 1 Corinthians 15:53-58**.