**Believe and Live 4 – John 11 – Defeating the Last Enemy**

**Leader’s Notes**

**HOOK**

**What words would you want on your tombstone?**

**What’s the last funeral you went to? What feelings did it evoke in you?**

**BOOK/LOOK**

**Read John 11:1-7**

**How could the sickness of Lazarus be for God’s glory? (**Jesus planned to raise Lazarus from the dead. God’s glory is a higher value than our personal comfort. He can use any difficult situation as an opportunity to glorify God our heavenly Father.)

**Why do you think Jesus didn’t go immediately to Bethany? (**John presents a picture of Jesus moving at his own, and the heavenly Father’s, timing. If he waited until Lazarus was dead for four days, it would clearly be a resurrection, not a resuscitation.)

**When do we learn to cry out to Jesus?** (In the middle of disease, death, disappointment and despair)

**Read John 12:27-32.**

**What was the purpose for the death of Jesus Christ?**  (12:28 - To glorify the heavenly Father; 12:31 - to drive out Satan [Col.2:15]; 12:32 - to draw all people to Himself; 11:52 – to make the Jews and Gentiles one family)

**Read John 11:25-27; 11:33-35; 11: 38-45**

**What two different aspects of eternal life is Jesus talking about in 11:25?** (Life that begins after we die physically; life that begins right now spiritually when we believe in Jesus. Read John 10:10 for another verse that describes eternal life in the present tense.)

**What moved Jesus so deeply that he wept?** (Perhaps the grief of those around him; perhaps the realization of how death destroys what God created – Jesus is outraged by death, his opponent; perhaps his compassion for those he loved)

**Read Ezekiel 37:13.**

**How might this verse have been fulfilled on the day Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead?**

**What was the impact of this miracle?** (Many people believed in Jesus; some didn’t)

**Read Revelation 12:11. How do we overcome the enemy?** (By claiming the blood of Jesus and testifying to what God has done and passionately pursuing the kingdom of God.)

**What’s the power inherent in baptism?** (It testifies to the death and resurrection of Jesus, and it also proclaims our own death and resurrection – our desire to live for Christ.)

**TOOK**

**How old were you when you were baptized?**

**Whose conversion testimony made the biggest impact on your life?**

**What hopeless situation do you most need Jesus to visit in your life?**

(As a group, pray for each other, especially any hopeless situations. Use Scriptures such as: “Father, glorify your name.” “Lord, the one you love is sick.”