

Jesus Gets **Grief**

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JOHN 11:1-44

We all grieve in response to **LOSS**

a definition intense emotional suffering caused by a loss

Grief is the painful emotion of sorrow caused by the loss or impending loss of anyone or anything that has deep meaning to you.

Jesus gets it John 11:32-35; Matthew 26:36-39; Luke 4:16-30; 19:41-44; Matthew 14:1-13

and we must all **FACE** it,

no one is immune John 11:32-35; Psalm 31:9; Ecclesiastes 1:18; Matthew 17:23

all the way through it

Jesus shows the way **THROUGH**.

“knocking at the door”

DOUBT

HOPE

COMFORT

ANGER

TEARS

RESCUE

thinking about trees...



Text us at **833-271-8805**.

Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, “**Pray for...**” followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever’s going on and someone will be in touch via text.



Discussion Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Discussion

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here’s a couple starter questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer one...

Starters (everyone choose one)

- Describe a time you were asked to do something difficult.
- Share about a time when you wept.

Message Reflection

- What stood out to you from the teaching this past weekend?
- What questions did the message prompt in you?

Scripture Discussion

As you begin, have someone read **John 11:1-6** and then **verses 33-38**. These selections from our text on Sunday give us a glimpse of Jesus grieving.

- What emotions do you see Jesus expressing in this passage?
- What do you think Jesus meant in **verse 4**?
- What else can you learn about Jesus from this passage?
- Why do you think it is the sight of others weeping that “deeply moves” and troubles Jesus? (**verse 33**)

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OUR MISSION

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YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: John 11:33-38 (the MESSAGE)

Find the words **bolded** below.

³³⁻³⁴ When **Jesus** saw her **sobbing** and the **Jews** with her **sobbing**, a **deep anger welled** up within him. He **said**, "Where did you put him?" ³⁴⁻³⁵ "**Master, come** and see," they **said**. Now **Jesus** wept. ³⁶ The **Jews** **said**, "**Look** how **deeply** he **loved** him."³⁷

Others among them **said**, "**Well**, if he **loved** him so **much**, why didn't he do **something** to **keep** him from **dying**? After all, he **opened** the **eyes** of a **blind** man."³⁸ **Then Jesus**, the **anger** **again** **welling** up within him, **arrived** at the **tomb**. It was a **simple** **cave** in the **hillside** with a slab of stone laid against it.

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- Does the response in **verse 37** surprise you? Why or why not??

Application

- In what ways, if any, does Jesus' experience of grief offer you hope?
- Who can you share hope with this week?
- How would your environments (school, team, club, work, etc.) change if people understood this message and lived it out?
- Who do you know that might be interested in next week's topic (Dissatisfaction)?

Close

Take time to pray for one another.

NOTE to Group Leaders/Facilitators:

Do some prep ahead of time! Study the passage on your own, jot down some of your own questions.

If it works for your group, revisit the entire story of Lazarus (John 8:1-44).

Consider looking back at some of the devotional questions from the week with your group as well. You can find a PDF of it at wawaseebible.com/hegetsus.

NOTE: *The devotional is not intended as a deep exegetical study of Scripture, but as a means of looking at Jesus's words and entering into our own struggles with that week's topic. Our goal is to look to Jesus's words, example, and understanding to move through it ourselves.*



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