



More to Life

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever wondered if there was more to life? We often ask this when we face the many struggles and the daily grind of life. Even after great accomplishments, we still find ourselves thinking, “There’s got to be more to life than this.” In this message we learn that there is definitely more to life than the many issues that we face. Let’s unpack the message from Sunday more and discover the key to abundant life!

READ: John 11:1-46

DISCUSSION:

1. Have you ever purchased a product that made lofty claims, only to be disappointed by its failure to live up to the claims? If so, share your story with the group. What did you learn from this experience?
2. How did Jesus summarize what would take place in the situation with Lazarus (John 11:4)?
3. Can you imagine being Mary and Martha? Who would you be and how would you likely respond?
 - a. What were they likely thinking as they watched their brother die?
 - b. How did this situation impact their faith?
4. Have you ever been in a similar situation where you questioned was there more to life? How did you learn to trust the Lord? What things can you share with the group that might encourage us when we, too, face difficult times?
5. Review how Martha responded when Jesus arrived. Discuss. What did she do well? What did she do wrong? Can you relate?
6. What was Jesus promising in John 11:25-26? What is the only way that we can receive this promise?
7. What bold claim did Jesus make in John 11:25? How did He prove His claim was true? How does this truth still impact our lives today?
8. In the same way that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, how does he raise every believer from the dead (Ephesians 2:1-10)? What do we all have in common with Lazarus?
9. How did the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead impact those who witnessed it? Read John 12:9-11. How did Lazarus's testimony influence others? What does this teach us about our own testimony?

MAKE IT SO: There is more to life because of the life that Jesus offers, but the only way to receive it is through Jesus Christ – the Resurrection and the Life. Who needs to know this hope this week? Do you? Jesus revealed who He is. Make it so that you also are revealing who Jesus is!

READING LIST:

Monday: John 5:25-32 / **Tuesday:** John 6:26-40 / **Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-19 / **Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-34 / **Friday:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 / **Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 / **Sunday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18