

# ALIVE

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## WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, 7 and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

### FINDING YOURSELF IN THE STORY

- God invites us to approach the tomb with an empty, broken heart. (John 20:11)
- However, when you hear God say your name, everything changes. (John 20:16).
- When you sacrifice for the sake of your faith, it matters to God.
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### LET'S DISCUSS

John 20:11 - *But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb.*

Mary wasn't expecting a miracle when she went to the tomb. She was simply going there to care for Jesus' body.

- Can you think of a "tomb" in your own life where a miracle seems impossible? If so, share that with the group.
- Even in front of the "tombs" in our lives God invites us to pray to him because he hears us. What is one thing we can be praying for each other?

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### CONSIDER THIS

Even when we don't recognize Jesus, he knows our name.

- Why do you think Mary didn't recognize Jesus in John 20:15-16
- Has there ever been a time in your life when you haven't been able to see Jesus for who he really is?
- Why do you think grief and death seem to blind us to the living, resurrected Savior?
- Do you find any comfort in knowing that even though Mary didn't recognize Jesus standing in front of her, he was sure to say her name so she wouldn't miss him?

### REAL TALK

Death feels like one of the most final realities we face. Resurrection Sunday, however, tells us a different story.

- **If you were (or are) certain that there is life after this one, how does that change the way you live your life now?**

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## **NEXT STEPS**

**READ 1 JOHN 4:14 - FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE SEEN WITH OUR OWN EYES AND NOW TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER SENT HIS SON TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.**

We do not have the luxury of being eye witnesses to Jesus walking around after the resurrection. However, he is still alive and active.

**Who do you think Jesus is?**

**READ EPHESIANS 3:20 - NOW ALL GLORY TO GOD, WHO IS ABLE, THROUGH HIS MIGHTY POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO ACCOMPLISH INFINITELY MORE THAN WE MIGHT ASK OR THINK.**

Even when it seems there are more tombs in our lives than evidence of Jesus' resurrection power, faith in this kind of Savior promises more than we can imagine.

**This Savior, gives us a fresh beginning.**