

Week # 5
“Just Give Me Jesus” Series
Cedar Grove Church – March 13, 2016
Participants Guide

“A Dead Man Walking”
John 11 (*The Voice*)
Pastor Kevin Cavanaugh



GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Why do you think Jesus delayed two days before going to see Lazarus, knowing that he was sick to the point of death (v. 6)?
2. How do you react to Martha’s accusation that Jesus had not been there when he could have kept her brother Lazarus from death (v. 21)? What do you think was going on here in this exchange?
3. As a group discuss verses 25-26: ²⁵ *I am the resurrection and the source of all life; those who believe in Me will live even in death.* ²⁶ *Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never truly die. Do you believe this?* How significant was Jesus question at the end to Martha? What about to you?
4. Jesus knew who He was and that He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead. Why then do you think He wept (v. 35)? Discuss what it means to you that this verse is included in the Bible – that “Jesus wept” in the face of death and grief?
5. Has there been a time in your life when, like Mary and Martha, you had put your total trust in Jesus and you felt that he failed you? Describe that time and what you felt like.
6. Reflecting back now, why do you think Jesus did not answer as you asked him to – did not do what you expected him to do then? How does that experience still affect you now?
7. Pastor Kevin shared several arrows Satan uses to debilitate us. Have any of these affected you? When and how? Share an experience of how one of them applied to you.
 - a) Disappointment
 - b) Doubt
 - c) Discouragement
 - d) Despair

8. Four weapons were shared, given to us from the Lord, to help us overcome Satan's attacks. Have any of these helped you at some point? When and how?
 - a) Trust (Philippians 1:6)
 - b) Faith (1 John 5:5)
 - c) Hope (Romans 8:24-25)
 - d) Love (Galatians 5:6)

For your own summary, rate how these have affected you:

4 Arrows from the Enemy (Rate, Low to High) 4 Weapons from Warfare

Disappointment	(L) 1 2 3 4 5 (H)	Trust
Doubt	(L) 1 2 3 4 5 (H)	Faith
Discouragement	(L) 1 2 3 4 5 (H)	Hope
Despair	(L) 1 2 3 4 5 (H)	Love

9. "Is seeing believing," or, "is believing seeing?" Talk about the difference between these two and share what you think is the truth.
10. Do you fear death? If you could be there for your own funeral, what would you hope would be remembered and said about you? What is the main goal of your life as you live each day?

PRAYER:

Make time to share needs and close in prayer – also praying about any needs that may have been shared in the course of discussion. Pray about how each other's trust may be restored, faith may be strengthened, hope be renewed or love increased, based on what was shared.