



## John 11 - Jesus' Timely Compassion - Topher Assell

### Icebreaker:

1. If you could be a contestant on any game show, which one would it be?
2. What is the best prank someone has pulled on you?

### Summary:

The story of Lazarus reveals the complexity of understanding God's nature as revealed in the Gospel of John. We explore the challenge of grasping a God who is beyond human understanding yet deeply involved in human experiences. The story of Lazarus' resurrection illustrates how Jesus demonstrates both anger and empathy, showing that God cares about every aspect of our lives. It also underscores the importance of prayer and community, urging listeners to trust that God listens and acts, even when outcomes may not meet expectations.

### Engage the Bible:

**John 11** - Open your Bibles to this chapter of John. Have someone read it out loud. **Underline some key words/phrases that stand out to you. Think about the scene, can you imagine yourself there? Who are the main people? How do they respond and how does Jesus react?**

### Small Group Questions:

- If you could witness any biblical miracle firsthand, which one would you choose and why?
- Topher uses the analogy of the Lion King to illustrate God's compassionate presence in our lives. Can you think of any other movies or stories that resonate with you in understanding God's involvement in human experiences? How do these narratives shape your perception of God's character?
- God cares deeply about every moment of our lives, regardless of whether they are joyous or sorrowful. How does this understanding of God's presence in our everyday lives impact the way you approach prayer and relationship with God?
- How do you maintain faith and trust in God's response to your prayers, especially when it seems delayed or different from what you hoped for?