



*Week 7: The Sting of Death*



*sermon follow-up guide*

## **GET GOING!**

Tonight we're going to start off on a morbid note! If you could choose how you are going to die, what way would it be and why?

## **GET PERSONAL.**

1. Why do you think so many people are scared of dying? What do you think it means to fear dying but not fear death? Where would you say that you are right now?
2. What was your first experience with death or dying? What emotions do remember experiencing?

### **Read John 11:1-37**

3. What did Jesus say was the purpose of Lazarus' sickness?
4. What were some of the emotions and reactions from the people, (mentioned below), in John's account?
  - The Disciples -
  - Mary and Martha -
  - The Crowd-
  - Jesus-

Which group do you most resonate with? Why?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

5. The Apostle Paul tells us that God is full of compassion, a God who comforts us in our time of need. How do you see Jesus model that care and concern as He interacts with Mary and Martha? How does knowing that Jesus wept give us a perspective on God's Heart?

# I am BELIEVING Jesus for Eternal Life Not BLAMING Him for Earthly Death

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### Read John 11:38-43

6. This is a great reminder that God's primary concern is providing us with eternal life, not earthly life. What does Jesus say that evidences this?
7. What are some ways that you have seen God blamed for earthly death?
8. Earlier in the chapter Jesus states that "He is the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in (Him) will never die spiritually even when they die physically." What does it mean to die physically? Spiritually?
9. What does it mean to believe Jesus for eternal life? Have you personally made that decision?

## PRAY.

Spend some time thanking God for the gift of His Son. Pray for those who began a relationship with Jesus this past weekend! Thank God that everyone who trusts in Jesus as their rescuer no longer has to fear death!

## DON'T FORGET.

Encourage your group members to check out these passages during the week to keep the learning going and their relationship with God growing.

*2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Psalm 34:17-18, 2 Corinthians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, 1 John 5:1-13*

For further application, use the App Notes which are posted each day on our Facebook Page. If you've missed this week's message, you can watch online at [parkerhill.org](http://parkerhill.org)