

CHRISTMAS COMES TO BETHANY: John 11:28-37

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Martha calls Jesus "The Teacher" in verse 28. In John chapter 10 Jesus is called "The Good Shepherd" (vs 11). Think of one additional title Scripture gives Jesus, and come up with one of your own.
3. Describe the differences in Martha and Mary's personalities (see, too, Luke 10:38-42 and John 12:1-3), and how you see Jesus responding to meet the need of each of them.
4. Challenge yourself to write five statements based on what you can learn from verse 35, "Jesus wept." I.e. There is no shame in weeping, Jesus can identify with grief, etc. Share one with your group.
5. Is death a part of God's will for us? Why or why not?
6. How is the culturally American way of expressing grief helpful and/or hurtful?
7. How are God's sovereignty (his right and power to do all things that He decides to do) and His sympathy (see Hebrews 4:15) critically related?
8. As this week ends the Life Group semester, read through the remaining verses of John's account of the resurrection of Lazarus (through verse 46) and write down one thought, observation, or question to share with your group.
9. This third week of advent celebrates love. What tradition do you have (or could you begin) that incorporates love this Christmas season?



Son of God, Love's Pure Light

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In Love, Jesus bids us _____ and _____ from Him (28-31)

In love, Jesus bears our _____ (32-35)

In love, Jesus gives what is _____ nor _____ (35-37)

Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us for one of our three candlelight Christmas Eve services this year starting at 4, 5:30, and 7 pm. The RSVP will open on December 18 at 6 pm. Visit spokanevbc.org/events to sign up.

NEW ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

We now have an online church directory! Want to join in? Fill out the back of the connection card or contact Stephani Wood (stephani@spokanevbc.org) with your email and she will send you an invite and instructions to the directory.

WANTED: MUSIC COORDINATOR

The Music Coordinator works closely with the music and technology volunteers to plan and facilitate weekly music practices, Sunday worship services and special events. Other administrative tasks include attending staff meetings, creating schedules, editing musical scores, providing lyrics for projection, and more. Contact Natalie Carroll (601-573-4858) or Doug Snook (509-922-8582) if you would like more information or are interested in applying.



Our Mission

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.
