

High School Discussion Guide

Unwrapping a New Life: For the week of December 11 - 17, 2022

Main Thought and Scriptures:

“Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. ³⁹‘Roll the stone aside,’ Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, ‘Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.’ ⁴⁰Jesus responded, ‘Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?’ ⁴¹So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴²You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.’ ⁴³Then Jesus shouted, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ ⁴⁴And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, ‘Unwrap him and let him go!’” (John 11:38-44 NLT)

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” ²¹For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” (2 Corinthians 5:18-21 NLT)

Last week we discussed how the birth of Jesus reveals God’s love for us and His heart to save us from our sins. As Jesus healed people of diseases, He demonstrated His authority over sin (which was believed to be the cause of illnesses). One of His most amazing miracles was raising a dead man to life, showing that He had the power over death itself and the power to give a new life. Jesus’ power didn’t stop back in the Bible days, it’s living and active today.

Discussion Questions:

- Does anything stand out to you from the main thought, scriptures, or last week’s message?
- Is there any area of your life where you need God’s help? How can you bring God into that situation?
- Which one of these scriptures from today is the most encouraging to you? Why?

Prayer Points:

- What do you need prayer for? Pray for whatever each other in the group needs.
- Pray that God would help you all find new life in areas of need.