

## Discussion guide for 3/29/2020

After watching the live feed take some time to discuss these as a family. Use your best judgement on the age of your kids on how long the discussion can last but press in longer than you think. If you don't get through all of it today make it a daily thing you refer to throughout the week. Take the Prayer provided and pray it daily with your family.

### **Quote:**

This is why Jesus came: That death might not be eternally the victor and the grave might not be forever cruel. As a token of the victory that was to be, Jesus called Lazarus back to the land of the living.”

— **Brian Zahnd**

Where are areas of your life that you need life right now?  
How can reminding yourself of Jesus defeating death help?

### **Prayer**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

When can we pray this prayer together as a family?

## Psalm 130

A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.

- 1 From the depths of despair, O Lord,  
I call for your help.
- 2 Hear my cry, O Lord.  
Pay attention to my prayer.
- 3 Lord, if you kept a record of our sins,  
who, O Lord, could ever survive?
- 4 But you offer forgiveness,  
that we might learn to fear you.
- 5 I am counting on the Lord;  
yes, I am counting on him.  
I have put my hope in his word.
- 6 I long for the Lord  
more than sentries long for the dawn,  
yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord;  
for with the Lord there is unfailing love.  
His redemption overflows.
- 8 He himself will redeem Israel  
from every kind of sin.

Where do you specifically need God's help?

Through Christ we are redeemed and are loved by God no matter what. How have you felt unloved this week? How could you spend time reminding yourself of God's love for you?

John 11:17-44

17 When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. 18 Bethany was only a few miles[d] down the road from Jerusalem, 19 and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. 20 When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."

25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life.[e] Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. 26 Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

27 "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God." 28 Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." 29 So Mary immediately went to him.

30 Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. 31 When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep. So they followed her there. 32 When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him,[f] and he was deeply troubled. 34 "Where have you put him?" he asked them.

They told him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Then Jesus wept. 36 The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" 37 But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

38 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."

40 Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You 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." 43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 And 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!"

Where have you felt rock bottom?

Where can you show more peace and life? How will you do that?

Where do you need the Glory of God?

How can you show the Glory of God to others?

What are some disciplines you can place in your life to create new life for you during this Covid-19 season?

Pray asking Jesus to shine more of his glory through your life.

## **Psalm 46**

1 God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.[c]
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8 Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.
- He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields[d] with fire.
- 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Read through this Psalm 3 times slowly. After each reading ask the question: What stood out to you most?

After going through the Psalm 3 times discuss what you feel God is saying to you through the Psalm.