

# Eliminating the Threat

## Open with Prayer Requests

### Read John 10:22–30

- The crowd asks Jesus to speak plainly about whether He is the Messiah. How does Jesus respond to their request?
- According to Jesus, what prevents some people from believing in Him?
- Jesus says His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. What does it look like in everyday life to listen for and follow the voice of Jesus?

### Read John 11:17–27

- Martha expresses both grief and faith when she speaks with Jesus. What do her words reveal about her understanding of Jesus?
- Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life." What does this statement reveal about His identity and authority?
- Why is it significant that Jesus describes resurrection not just as a future event but as something found in Him personally?
- How does Martha's response model belief even in the midst of confusion and sorrow?

### Read John 11:38–44

- Why did Jesus intentionally wait before going to Lazarus, even though He knew Lazarus was sick?
- What does Jesus' prayer before raising Lazarus reveal about His purpose in performing miracles?
- How might witnessing Lazarus come out of the tomb have impacted the people standing there?

### Read John 11:45–53

- After witnessing such a powerful miracle, some people believed in Jesus, but others reported Him to the religious leaders. Why do you think people responded so differently to the same evidence?
- What concern do the chief priests and Pharisees express about Jesus' growing influence?
- What was the real reason these leaders rejected Jesus?
- Many people claim a lack of evidence for Jesus prevents them from believing, but the deeper issue may be fear of the change He brings. Why might following Jesus feel threatening or disruptive to someone's life?
- For believers, is it possible to follow Jesus while still holding onto remnants of our old lives?
- What areas of life are Christians sometimes hesitant to surrender to Christ?
- What would it look like for you personally to allow Jesus to reshape your priorities, goals, or sense of purpose?
- In what ways can our group encourage one another to pursue the "abundant life" Jesus offers?

## Closing Prayer