

YESHUA ~ WEEK 7 ~ THE RESURRECTION/THE LIFE
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ: John 11:21-27

- 1) What can we learn about Martha's faith in this passage? What can we learn about maintaining faith even in the face of loss and disappointment?
- 2) How does Jesus' statement that He is the resurrection and the life provide comfort and hope for believers?
- 3) What is significant about Martha's declaration of faith in verse 27? How does her perspective differ from other people who encounter Jesus?

READ JOHN 5:25-29

- 1) Jesus refers to the judgment of all people after their resurrection on the last day. What is the criteria for this judgment and what are the possible results for each person? How can we be sure that we will be judged as those who "have done good?" Is it possible for a human being to be "good enough" to earn eternal life? What is the grading scale according to the rest of Scripture?

READ Matthew 25:31-46

- 2) Who are the sheep and who are the goats in this parable? According to this passage who will be granted eternal life? How can we be sure we are counted among them?

READ Matthew 17:22-23

- 1) Why were the disciples "deeply grieved?" What were they expecting Jesus to do instead?
- 2) Have you ever experienced "grief, anger, confusion, disappointment or anxiety" because God doesn't act in the way you expect Him to? What can we do to be more like Martha in our expectations of Jesus?

READ Luke 24:1-11

- 1) Pastor G talked about the angels' question to the women "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" What are some "dead places" in our world that people go looking for meaning in life? Where should we go now to find the living in the way the angels were referring to? How do we do that?
- 2) The angels have to remind the women that Jesus told them He would rise again. The disciples didn't believe the women when they reported what they had heard. After Peter sees the empty tomb and the discarded grave clothes he still goes away "wondering to himself what had happened." Why do you think it was so hard for them to believe, even after everything they had seen Jesus do?
- 3) Why is it hard for many people in our time to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? What can we do or say to help convince them?