

L O N E L Y



Showing Up

- What is something that resonated with you during last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: What is one person you wish would show up when you feel lonely?
 - What is it about this person that you desire their presence?
 - How does this person's presence affect your state of mind vs. when they are not there?
 - Is there anyone in your life that you feel like maybe you are the person who's presence they want?
 - What is it about yourself that you think helps them?
- Read John 11
 - Who was the one person that Mary and Martha wanted to be with them?
 - What do you think was their hope of what Jesus' presence would bring to their situation?
 - Why do you think that Jesus wept if he knew that he was going to raise Lazarus from the tomb?
 - In his teaching, Pastor Jon taught us that Jesus doesn't just care about people... He actually mourns with those who mourn! He is with the isolated, the lonely, and the lowly. What does this mean to you?
 - What was the role of the many Jews who came to comfort Mary and Martha? Why is that important?
 - Have you ever been present when someone just lost a loved one? Describe what happened.
 - How did you attempt to bring that person comfort?
 - At times we are called to be the person who brings comfort to another person, but often we find that we also are blessed when we do that for someone. Why is that?
- Discuss the cliché, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."
 - Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
 - Have you ever personally benefited from a time of loneliness? If so, how?
 - What work might God be doing in you in times of loneliness?
 - How do you acknowledge the presence of God in your life daily?
- Practice the presence of the Lord. Pray a prayer of acknowledging His presence in this space right now.