

John 11:33-35

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶

- **JESUS CAME TO BE MY SOURCE OF COMFORT WHEN I EXPERIENCE DEAD ENDS.**

John 11:43-44

⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

If Jesus can defeat death, then Jesus can resurrect me from my dead ends.

Reflection / Life Group Questions:

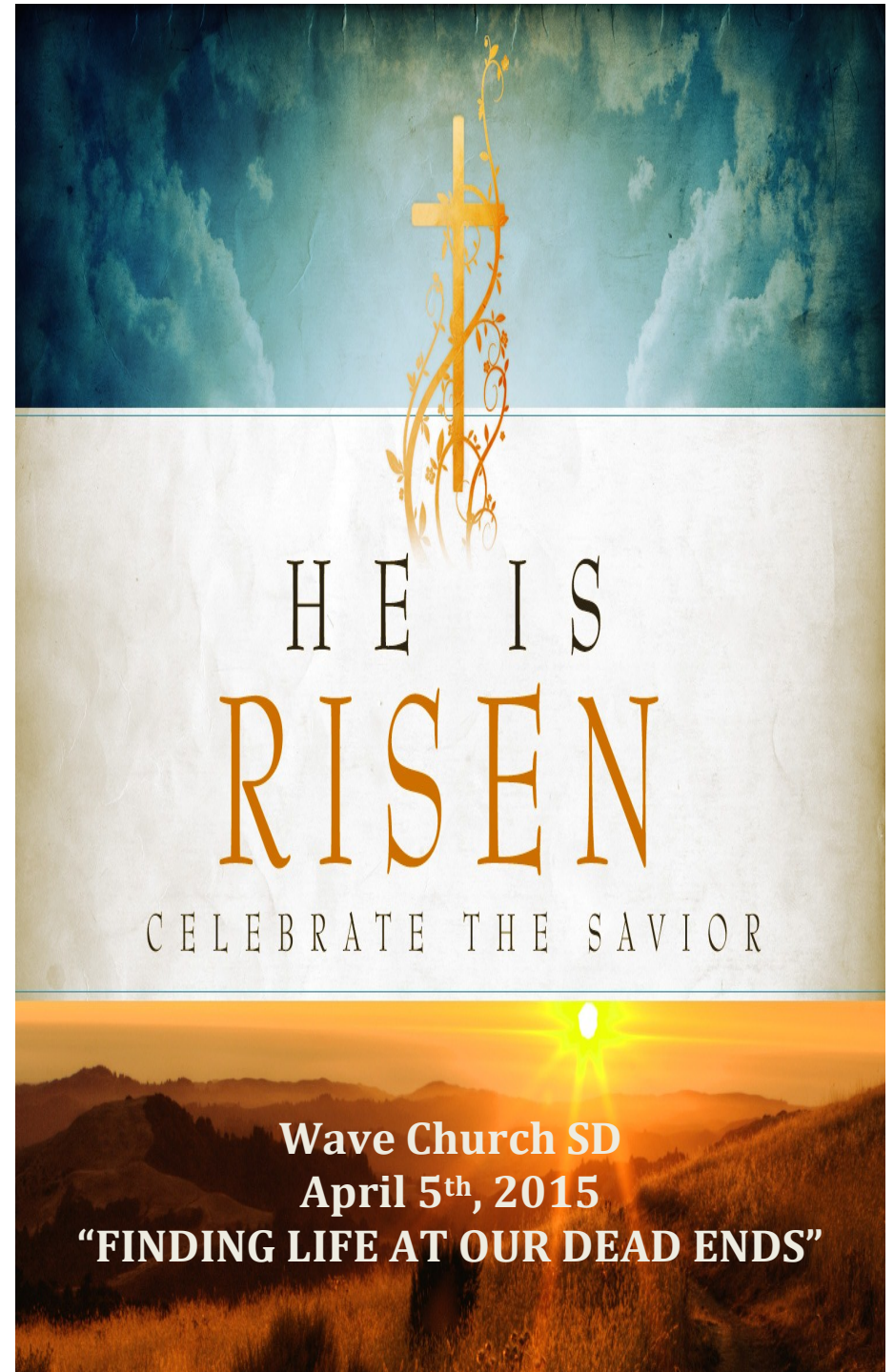
- *What is one idea from this week's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?*
- *What dead ends are you facing? How have these dead ends affected you?*

Read and Discuss John 11:1-44

- *What steps do you take to resurrect your self? Do they work?*
- *How do we see Jesus meet us in our dead ends?*
- *How have you personally had Jesus bring life into dead ends of your life?*
- *If the resurrection is not an event but a person. What does that mean to you?*

Next Steps

- *What is one thing that you will do this week as a result from this week's message?*



Easter 2015
"Finding Life at our Dead Ends"

Luke 24:1-12,
The Resurrection

24 ... 5 "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen.... 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

DEAD END = A PLACE WHERE MY FAITH HAS STALLED OUT

John 11: 1-3
The Death of Lazarus

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Dead Ends

1. DEAD IN DOUBTS

John 11:14-16 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

2. DEAD IN DISCOURAGEMENTS

John 11:20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

3. DEAD IN DELAY

John 11:17-25 17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.

THE RESURRECTION IS NOT AN EVENT IT IS A PERSON

➤ **Why did Jesus come to die on a cross and raise from the grave?**

Luke 24:45-47

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

• **JESUS CAME TO DIE FOR MY SINS**

• **JESUS CAME TO OFFER ME REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS**

John 11:25-27

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

• **JESUS CAME TO INVITE ME TO EXPERIENCE A NEW LIFE WITH HIM**