



**SMALL GROUP WEEKLY VIDEO:** [HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/567168445/5E99ADCF3B](https://vimeo.com/567168445/5E99ADCF3B)

**MAIN IDEA**

Jesus can gloriously redeem the difficult things in our life for a greater purpose.

**STARTER**

What is the best “date” you have ever been on?

**DISCUSS**

How do you typically respond to painful circumstances?

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Internalize emotions  
Deny their impact

Get stuck in emotions  
Deal with it myself

Process with God  
Depend on friends

**READ**

Take turns reading John 11:1-44 and discuss:

- What does this passage show you about Jesus as the glorious redeemer of painful things?
- What is most encouraging or comforting about Jesus’ response to Lazarus’ death?
- Which of the following is most challenging to you when God “flips the script” on you and takes you through something difficult?
  - Trusting God’s bigger purpose
  - Relying on God’s presence
  - Seeing God’s perspective

Sometimes, it’s good to remind each other of the next chapter of God’s story to have God’s perspective on our pain. Read Revelation 22:1-5 and Romans 5:1-5

- How does the promise of heaven give you hope in your present difficulties?
- What would it look like for you to see a difficult situation you are going through more through Jesus’ eyes?

**APPLY**

Take a minute for everyone to pray and ask God, “what is one thing you want me to see or do differently” because of our time tonight? Have everyone share and spend time praying together.