

Power over the Grave

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- I. Introduction: Question: Does God really care?
- II. God's Response: Let me prove it!
 - a. The Exodus - Setting the Pattern
 - b. Jesus - the Greater Exodus
- III. John's final Sign: Seeing the Answer
 - a. Understanding the Backdrop:
 - b. The beginning of Sign - Jesus ministers to two sisters
 - i. Who is Jesus?
 1. Fully God
 2. Fully Human
- IV. Wrestling with the Audacious Claims of Jesus
 - a. Jesus comes and gives us what we all need ...
 - i. The Ministry of Truth
 - ii. The Ministry of Tears
- V. Move Beyond the Why ...
 - a. Instead of why, ask "Who can I turn to?"
 - b. Jesus is the one who can overcome our real enemy
 - c. See how he loves us ...
- V. Conclusion

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. When have you been disappointed with God?
2. Share a time when you felt with intensity God's love and care for you.

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. What are some concrete ways the Exodus and the work of Jesus Christ prove to you that God loves and cares for you?
2. The Gospel of John is filled with claims by Jesus: I am the light the world, I am the good shepherd, I am the resurrection and the life, I am the way, the truth, and the life, I am the gate, I am the vine, and I am the bread of life. Which claim of divinity by Jesus do you find most comforting and encouraging?
3. Are there any claims by Jesus that you have had to personally wrestle with?
4. Why do you think Jesus responded differently to the two sister's grief?
5. Which comes more naturally to you: the ministry of truth or the ministry of tears?
6. What stands out to you about the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?