

# VICTORY OVER DEATH

7 ARROWS

## CENTRAL TRUTH

In this week's passage, Jesus's friends Martha and Mary express their disappointment over the death of their brother, Lazarus. But, death does not have the final word in this story. We will learn that **Jesus is life, and victory over death is found in Him.**

## KEY QUESTION

↑ **What is the significance of Jesus's "I AM" statement?**

Jesus proclaims that He is resurrection and life. Those who believe in Christ will experience the power of resurrection life through Him. For the believer, death is not the ultimate end; it does not have the last laugh. In Christ alone, true eternal life is found. This is a life that begins now for those who have trusted in Jesus and moves into eternity.

## KEEP IN MIND

- While Martha expresses her disappointment to Jesus, faith is not absent from her statements. Allow your small group to be a place where students can voice their hurt honestly, while also finding encouragement to continue trusting the Lord. Use this session's **Culture Note** to guide you as you unpack responding to God in moments of grief and pain. Be mindful and sensitive toward those students who may have lost a loved one recently.
- We read in this week's passage that Jesus was deeply moved—a phrase that suggests not only grief, but outrage. While scholars debate what prompted Jesus's outrage, the fact that we live in a corrupted world is worth of both our outrage and grief. Nevertheless, we don't need to spiral into despair. We can grieve while trusting in our good, sovereign God.

## APPLICATION

↔ **Who are some people in our church community who need to be reminded of the hope this passage offers? How can we encourage them?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Students win by learning that, for the believer, death and suffering are not the end. Jesus is life, and victory over death is found in Him.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Help students to understand that they can bring their disappointment to the Lord, while continuing to have faith in Him. They can have hope because Jesus is resurrection and life.

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?