

# RED LETTERS

THE QUESTIONS

## WEEK 4: Do You Believe?

### INTRODUCTION & OPENING QUESTION

In the Bible, wherever Jesus spoke, his words are highlighted in **RED**. Throughout this series, we are looking at some of the questions that Jesus asked of the people around him, and we will learn some life-changing truths from those red letters. This week we look at the question Jesus asked in John 11, "Do you believe this, Martha?"

**Share a time when you had to impatiently wait on someone or for something.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Instructions for the group meeting: Read each question out loud and give ample time for discussion. Then read through any Bible references for additional discussion and context. Close out the evening in prayer.*

**Read John 11:21-27 out loud to the group before starting the questions.**

- 1) We talked about how "no amount of doing can take the place of believing." Do you ever struggle with the feeling that you must do things to please God? Please share.**
- 2) Share a time where you felt disappointed in God. What caused those feelings?**
- 3) Who is the closest Jesus-follower you know? What stands out most about them?**
- 4) Martha told Jesus that she felt that two things were more powerful than him: time and death. Have you ever wrestled with the idea that there are things Jesus can't overcome in your life?**
- 5) Discuss some points in your life where faith/trust in Jesus has wavered or stopped.**
- 6) Make a list of the things in your life that you believe are unfixable and share why you feel that way.**
- 7) Is there anything else that stood out to you from the message?**

**Close in Prayer**

### TAKEAWAYS

#### Reflection Steps

- What is one thing this week that you can trust Jesus to help you overcome?
- Is there a stopping point in your faith right now? If so, how can you trust Jesus to bring you through it this week?

#### Action Step

- Spend this week reading, praying, and reflecting on John 11 & Mark 9:22-24. Look for areas of your life where you need to pray, "I believe. Help my unbelief!"