



Week 1: Part 1

Whether you know it or not, God has a plan for your future. But, in the midst of difficult circumstances, that plan can become unclear. How do you remain locked into God's vision when that happens? How do you maintain hope when the road ahead isn't so clear?

Discussion Questions

1. If you were offered the opportunity to have your entire future revealed to you, would you take it? Why or why not?
2. Recount a "remember when" moment from your past. What made that time so memorable?
3. **Read John 11:21 and John 12:1-3**
 - How would you imagine Martha was feeling while at this party with Jesus and her brother?
 - What is significant about the fact stated in verse 2: "Martha served...?"
 - How did Mary and Martha's relationship with Jesus change between what you read in John 11:21 and John 12:1-3?
4. Would you agree that there is a difference between *knowing* Jesus and *experiencing* Jesus? Why or why not?
5. Can you recount a time when you experienced Jesus? How did that shift change your relationship with or your perspective of him?
6. What is one thing you can do to be a "distributor of hope" this week?

Moving Forward

It's been said a lot lately, but we're living in a challenging time. Plans and expectations seem to change by the hour. You may feel as if your future is more uncertain now than it has ever been. As uncertain as your future may seem, God is still alive and he still has a vision and plan for your life! His desire is that this season will be a "remember when" moment for you. He wants you to experience him in a powerful way, even (and especially) in the midst of whatever difficult circumstances you may be facing.