

Reflections on Loss and Hope

Take a moment to reflect on your experience of loss. Then complete one or more of the prompts below—write as much or as little as you feel comfortable.

- The last time I attended a funeral or memorial service, I noticed . . . _____

- When I hear that someone has died, my first thought is . . . _____

- The most difficult funeral or memorial service I've attended was . . . _____

- The most meaningful or hope-filled memorial service I've attended was . . . _____

- When I think about my own death, I feel . . . _____

- How does Christian hope shape your perspective on grief? _____

Voices from Bethany

Read John 11:17–27. Choose one of the characters from the passage and read it again, imagining yourself in the scene. Then write a diary entry from that person's perspective about the death of Lazarus, days of mourning, and Jesus' arrival and teaching. As you write, focus not only on what happened but also on what your character may have felt—their emotions, questions, hopes, and responses to Jesus' words.

Character: _____

