## **Next Step Conversation Guide**



DIGGING DEEPER PART 11: GOOD GRIEF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

## A QUESTION FOR EACH DAY

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others who have not hope. I Th. 4.13 KJV

- 1. Read **John 11.1-3.** Jesus had no home of his own where he could find **rest**, understanding, peace and love. Do you? Do you possibly supply that kind of environment for others than yourself?
- 2. Mary and Martha knew that the simple announcement that Lazarus was sick would bring Jesus to them. Are there people who know you would come if they knew you only heard that they had need?
- 3. The body of Christ is designed to ease the burdens of its members. Have you ever experienced members of HCC helping to *carry your burden, rejoicing when you were rejoicing, mourning when you were mourning?* Have you ever reached out to other members in the same manner?
- 4. The funeral is over and so is the concern. Hopefully, that isn't true at HCC. Do you continue to talk with a member/s that may have recently lost a loved one about their loss? Grief never truly stops. The second year is often the hardest.
- 5. We must let Jesus do things in His own way. Jesus certainly didn't respond initially to Mary and Martha in the way we probably would have and yet looking back, he couldn't have improved on his response. Can you identify by remembering times when you questioned God's timing?
- 6. *Man's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed.* Prov. 14.5 Does that truth bring you any comfort? In what ways?
- 7. Jesus showed us a God whose very heart is grieved with anguish in the grief of His people, a God who in the most literal way is afflicted in our afflictions. Have you found Him that way? Recall such times and give thanks.