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Small Group Homework

- **Sermon Series:** Journey Through the Gospel of John
- **Scripture:** John 11:28-37
- **Date:** September 7, 2025
- **Key Truth:** Choosing trust over doubt unites us in finding God's heart, and trusting in God's love sustains us through our hurt.

This week's sermon explored how Jesus entered into the grief of Mary, Martha, and others at Lazarus' tomb, weeping and groaning in compassion. We see God's heart revealed—not distant, but deeply caring. Use this sheet to reflect on the message, discuss in your small group, and apply it personally.

- **Read John 11:28-37 aloud.** What emotions do you see in Mary, the Jews, and Jesus? How does Jesus' response (weeping and groaning) show God's compassion? (See John 11:33, 35; Psalm 86:15; Hebrews 4:15.)
- The sermon highlights that doubt is natural but choosing trust unites us with God's heart. How did Mary and Martha express doubt (John 11:32, 37)? In what ways have you questioned God's timing or plan in your own life?
- Proverbs 3:5-6 calls us to trust God and not lean on our own understanding. How can focusing



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- on God's love (John 11:36) help us shift from doubt to trust during hardship?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and 2 Corinthians 12:9.** How do these verses assure us that God's faithfulness and grace sustain us in pain? Share an example from your life or the sermon.
- The sermon emphasizes community for comfort (John 11:31; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4). How has being supported by others (or supporting them) helped you experience God's comfort?

Personal Application

- What doubt are you facing right now? Write down one step to choose trust this week (e.g., memorize Proverbs 3:5-6 or pray through a specific hurt).
- How can you comfort someone else this week, drawing from how God has comforted you?

Prayer Time

- Praise God for His compassionate heart that weeps with us.
- Confess any doubts and ask for strength to trust His love.
- Pray for group members facing hurt, and for opportunities to join or invite others to small groups at Calvary Baptist.

Join a small group this week to dive deeper!



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