

Sermon Resources

Sermon: Grave Clothes

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

1 John 3:14, John 11:38–44, Ephesians 2:1–10

STUCK IN A TOMB

CALLED TO SOMETHING MORE

STILL CARRYING WHAT WE SHOULD LEAVE BEHIND

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) Living people don't wear grave clothes.

MEMORY VERSE

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other.
Anyone who does not love remains in death.

1 John 3:14 NIV

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

- ICEBREAKER: What's something from your past you've held onto longer than you should have—physically or emotionally?
- If you had to describe your life before Jesus with one word, what would it be? What about now?
- Read 1 John 3:14 — What does "passing from death to life" mean to you personally?
- Jesus commands others to remove Lazarus's grave clothes. What does that say about our role in each other's spiritual lives?
- What "grave clothes" are you still carrying—old habits, shame, labels, lies?
- What role should the community play in helping each other remove those "grave clothes"?
- What does it look like to live as someone who is **called to something more**?
- Which "contrast" from the series hit home the hardest?
- What contrast do you still struggle to embrace fully?
- What's one next step you want to take because of what you've learned in this series?