

## Small Group Questions: Don't Lose Hope/It's Not Over

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### Read

John 11:1-4, 11:38-44

### Reflect

This series explores how to continue having hope in the face of difficult circumstances. This week, Pastor Josh Surratt uses the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead to show how we can find hope even when we think we have no chance of overcoming defeat.

### Why Do We Lose Hope?

1. The scoreboard
  - a. What scoreboard have you been watching that steals your hope?
2. The people you listen to
  - a. Are you hanging out with hopeful people? If not, what steps can you take to surround yourself with more hopefulness?
  - b. Pastor Josh challenges us to fast negativity during our church's 21-day fast. In what specific ways can you fast saying negative things, hearing negative messages, and being negative?
3. The opponent
  - a. How can knowing that Satan is our true opponent change your attitude toward other people?
  - b. Toward what person or group of people do you need to try to change your perspective?

### How to Experience a 2020 Turnaround

1. Remember that Jesus is deeply moved by my circumstances.
  - a. What are the difficult circumstances you are facing? In what area of your life do you feel broken?
2. Apply God's Word to my situation.
  - a. What grave is Jesus calling you out of? What can you surrender to him?
3. Don't forget to take off the grave clothes before you enter the new season.
  - a. What are you holding onto?
  - b. What choices have you made that make you feel bound?
  - c. What sins have no business in your life as a follower of Jesus?
  - d. How can we help you and pray for you as you let go of these things?

**Respond:** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?