

## POCKET BIBLE STUDY

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A WHOLE COMMUNITY INVITES JESUS?



This big question gets us thinking about the needs of our own community or church, and the difference Jesus can make to our common life together.

They said to him, 'Lord, **come and see.**' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

*John 11:34*

# REFLECTION

*Read the Bible passage by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet.*

In the passage from John 11, the invitation to 'come and see' are words from a community grieving. They are words that acknowledge the damage that death has caused to Mary and Martha and to their own community.

**What needs does your own community have?**

Christians believe that the hope we find in Jesus heals and strengthens us and draws us forward. Helping us to live in hopeful anticipation of what Christ has fulfilled on the cross and in the empty tomb. **What hopes do you have, and how are they represented in Jesus?**

- ❓ What communities do you belong to, and how do they relate to your faith?
- ❓ What would an invitation look like if it were from the whole church?

# PRAYER

**Lord of all**, thank you for the faithfulness of Mary and Martha, and for the community around them who showed their compassion and shared their grief in the face of death. Help us act like this community that was faithful enough to invite you in, despite feeling loss, bewilderment and even anger. May their belief in what you can do bring comfort to our own hearts.  
**Amen.**

*Write your own prayer or make notes here...*

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