

The Gospel Of John

ICEBREAKER

What is something in your life that you have waited for? How hard was it to wait?

CONTEXT

Our text begins with the well-known story of the death of Lazarus. We see a family in crisis reach out to Jesus. The disciples wonder at Jesus' response, and Jesus explains that He is glad He was not there for their sake so that they may believe in Him.

PASSAGE

John 11:1-16

DISCUSS

1. What have you learned from this text?

- What stood out to you as we read the text? Why?
- In the beginning, Mary and Martha reach out to Jesus to tell Him that Lazarus is sick. Jesus' response is recorded in verses 4-6. What does He do, and what does His response seem like at a glance?
- How would you have felt if you were Mary or Martha and you knew Jesus purposefully delayed?
- In verse 8, the disciples pushed back against going back to Judea. Have you ever been directed to take a step in faith and had others oppose your obedience to God?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

- What are your thoughts on the idea that God uses hardship to draw people close to Him and that some hardship is for the sake of others (v. 15)?

2. How will you apply this to your life?

- What has the Holy Spirit brought to mind for you to apply going forward?
- What weakness or difficulty in life is bringing you closer to God?
- Do you have a verse or verses that you go to in times of trial? Share them with the group.
- What are some obstacles to applying these principles to your life?

3. How will you pass it on to someone?

- If someone asked you to explain why John 11:1-16 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?
- How will you incorporate what you've learned into your interactions with others?

NEXT STEPS

Jesus is using your circumstances to impact the people around you. Name one person in your life with whom you can pray for an opportunity to share what God is doing in your life.

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