



NOTES

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Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story ... *How are things going for you during these trying times? How has this experience impacted your faith?* (7-10 min)
3. Read John 11:21-33.
4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. (John 11:21)

What can happen to faith when a needed miracle is delayed or does not arrive?

But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” (vs. 22)

Why is God always honored by our requests for healing, even if He waits, or says “no”?

She said to [Jesus], “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” (vs. 27)

What does it mean to believe in Jesus? Is it more than head knowledge? Explain.

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” (vs. 28)

What is God saying to you during these difficult times? What could He say to you that would be reassuring?

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. (vs. 32-33)

Why does Jesus feel so deeply for us when we are suffering—even when He could snap His fingers and make it all go away?

PLAN OF ACTION

What is the next, most responsible thing you can do during this difficult period? Bring those plans to God. Then share your plans with your life group or someone else you trust.