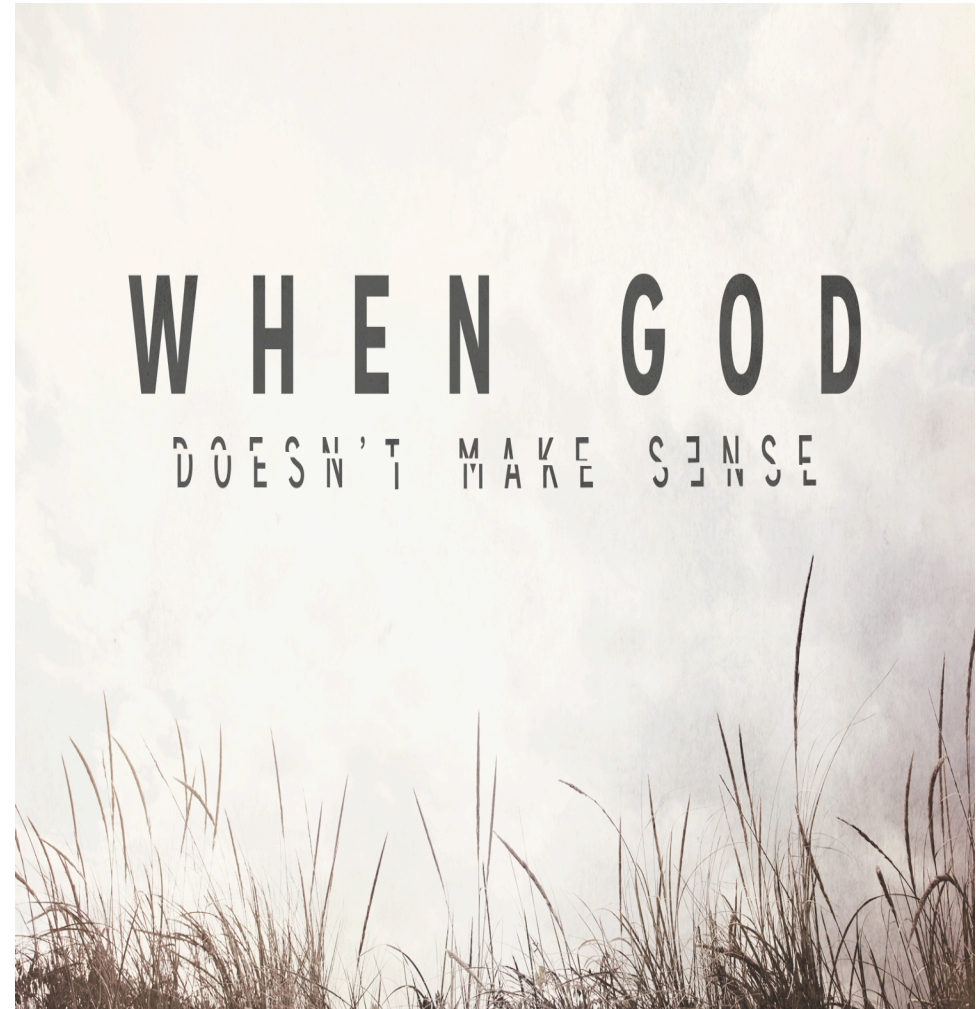


## Life Group / Reflection Questions

### Read Luke 11: 1-44

- What is the purpose of the Gospel of John? Read John 20:30-31
- Who were Mary, Martha, & Lazarus? What is their relationship to Jesus? Do we see them appear elsewhere in scripture?
- Was there any other audience with Jesus? John 11: 7. Who was the audience that saw Lazarus resurrected? John 11:33
- What was John trying to show us about Jesus from this story?
- How is this scripture structured? What is the progress of thought? Is there a central theme? Hint: Resurrection! How does the theme of resurrection progress in this passage? Why is this so important at this time in Jesus' ministry?
- What does Jesus say his purpose is for waiting to raise Lazarus from the dead? John 11:4, 14-15, 25-26, 42 ...*Why do you think God's timing is different from ours? What could be so different about our perspective?*
- From this scripture what do we learn about Jesus?
- From this scripture what do we learn about ourselves? *What's something you're currently waiting for God to do for you? What might He be doing in you while you wait?*
- In this scripture where do we see the Gospel? (Jesus is King, He made a way for us to experience his kingdom for those who believe!) *How is Jesus leading us into his kingdom life? When was a time God exceeded your expectations? Do you think this might be a glimpse of Jesus' Kingdom on earth?*
- How am I to relate to Jesus in light of this passage?
- What truths or promises can I claim in light of this passage?
- How am I responding to the Gospel (*Trusting in Jesus to lead me into his kingdom life*) to live out this passage? What will I do in response to what I have learned from God's word?



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***“When God Seems Late”***

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**When God Doesn't Make Sense**  
**Week #2 "When God Seems Late"**

**WITH GOD, A WAITING SEASON IS NEVER A WASTED SEASON.**

**John 11:1, 3**

*Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha...<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."*

**TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WAITING ON GOD**

**1. GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT NECESSARILY GOD'S DENIALS.**

**John 11:4**

*When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."*

**John 11:17**

*On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.*

**John 11:20-22**

*When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.<sup>21</sup> "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.<sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."*

**2. IF GOD ALWAYS MET YOUR EXPECTATIONS, HE'D NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEED THEM.**

**John 11:23-26**

*Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;<sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die...*

**John 11:43-44**

*When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out...*

**WHAT DO WE DO WHEN GOD SEEMS LATE?**

**Micah 7:7** *But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.*

➤ **Look**

➤ **Wait**

➤ **Trust**

**John 11:2**

<sup>2</sup> *This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.*

**Mark 14:9**

<sup>9</sup> *And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."*