



Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 10** *What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?
- **Answer.** Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.
- **Scripture Reference.** Leviticus 19:3

Nov 12 Sermon - Study Questions

- God's Love Part II - *John 11:45-57*
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

Questions

1. Recap John 11:1-44, where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. How did God's plan differ from Mary and Martha's plan? How did Martha and Mary, women of faith, react when they didn't understand God's will? What were God's purposes for His plans?
2. In John 11:45-57, how do the non-believing witnesses, chief priest, and Pharisees react when they don't understand God's will?
3. In their lack of faith, whom are they trusting in for protection and provision from the Romans?
4. The response of those that lack faith is marked by the fear of man. They trust in their own plans for salvation. As they are about to celebrate the Passover, they have forgotten God's incredible provision for salvation. In what ways does their plan to rescue themselves from the Romans fail? (70 A.D. and the fall of the temple)
5. What conclusion did the Jews come to in their response to Jesus? Lack of faith and a failure to remember God's faithfulness leads to fear. Further, it leads to the Jews coming to the wrong logical conclusions. They trust in themselves.
6. In what ways does your own lack of faith or failure to remember God's faithfulness impact your ability to see the circumstances of the world clearly?

7. As Caiaphas lays out his plans to save the Jews by killing Jesus, he unknowingly prophesies. What greater plan does God have through Jesus' death? How is God's love displayed in these plans?
8. Here we see, that even when mankind messes things up completely, God's sovereign will still prevails. With what circumstances in your life do you need to trust in God's sovereign will to prevail?

Closing

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism