



Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 9** *What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?
- **Answer.** First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.
- **Scripture Reference.** Deuteronomy 6:13–14

Nov 5 Sermon - Study Questions

- God's Love - *John 11:1-44*
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

Questions

1. What difficult situations have you faced that have caused you to question God's motive?
2. In our passage, Mary and Martha had a plan. They were trusting Jesus with their plan, but Jesus didn't work according to their plan. What was their plan?
3. Why do you think that Jesus waited two days before responding (v.6)? Look at v.4, 15, 25-26, 40, 42. What were Jesus' purposes and plans?
4. Why do our own plans and Jesus' plans sometimes conflict with one another?
5. Because Jesus did not work according to Mary and Martha's plan, it brought them great sorrow. How did their sorrow impact Jesus? Look at versus 5, and 35-38.
6. How do we reconcile Jesus' grief and His plans that caused that grief?
7. Knowing that Jesus is the Resurrection, He Himself is life, in what ways can you learn to trust Christ's plan with your difficult situations?
8. What does Jesus' love for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus teach us about how we should love others?

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