

When God Waits: Finding Hope in the Delay

Discussion Questions

1. In John 11, Jesus delays going to Mary and Martha even though He loves them deeply. How does this challenge our usual definition of love?
2. Think of a time you felt like God was silent in your situation. Looking back, can you see any ways He was preparing you during that delay?
3. Mary and Martha simply told Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” What would it look like for you to bring your needs to God without giving Him a “script” for how to fix them?
4. Thomas chose to follow Jesus back into danger even without understanding the plan. What does this teach us about discipleship and trust?
5. Where in your life does it feel “too late” right now? How might Jesus be inviting you to believe that the delay is not the end of the story?

These questions should spark deeper reflection and meaningful conversation about the key points of the sermon.