



Life Group Discussion Guide
“When God Lets Us Down” – John 11:1-54
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Main thought:

When God doesn't respond when and how we want, it can cause confusion and doubt. But, if we truly listen to Him and put our trust in Him, we will see not only His deep love for us, but that He remains the good shepherd who can lead us through life and through death.

Ice-Breaker

- Share who God has been putting on your heart to share Christ with.
- Has anyone had a chance to share their faith with someone this past week or two?

Digging In

Read John 11:1-16 and discuss the following questions.

- Which verses and words indicate how Jesus felt about Martha, Mary, and Lazarus?
- Why do you think Jesus waited before going to see Lazarus even though he was ill?
- What else stood out to you from verses 1-16?

Read John 11:17-37 and discuss the following questions.

- How are Martha and Mary's responses to the arrival of Jesus different and alike?
- How would you describe the letdown Martha, Mary, and the people felt (v. 21, 32, 36-37)?
- Can you relate to what they're thinking and feeling? What would you say to someone who is feeling that God has let them down?

Read John 11:38-54 and discuss the following questions.

- How did Martha and Mary misunderstand what Jesus had said about Lazarus' sickness not ending in death?
- What confidence can Christians have knowing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life?
- What hope do you have knowing that Jesus has the power to bring life to that which was dead?
- What else did you learn from this passage?

Application

- Which truths from this passage will you apply this week?

Praying as a group

- How can we be praying for each other this week?