

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of March 7, 2021

MY STORY

Have you ever attended the funeral of an unbeliever as opposed to one who was a Christian? Was there a difference?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

Why did Jesus let Lazarus die? Why did he let those he loved experience four days of grief?

How has God used difficult times and delays in answering prayer in your life?

What assurance can we find in this passage during our own times of suffering?

What does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection and the life? Why is this good news for his followers?

Which of Lazarus' sisters are you most like? Why?

Are you willing for God to use your life, in all of its trials and afflictions, for his glory and the salvation of others?

In verses 25 and 26 Jesus made some bold claims about Himself. He then asked Martha a pointed question—"Do *you* believe this?" Given all that we have learned about Jesus in John's gospel, how do *you* answer His question?

When we as Jesus followers have the opportunity to speak to others about Him, why is it important to ask this question?

PRAYER REQUEST

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Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Roy & Margaret Fitzwater and their work with the Navigators.

100 Year Anniversary Be sure to join us next Sunday, 3/14, as we celebrate the faithfulness of God over the last 100 years.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

The Resurrection and the Life

John 11:1-27 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet March 7, 2021

I Illness for the Glory of Christ

- Jesus' perspective on our trials.
- Jesus plan for delivering us from trouble.
- Jesus highest purpose in our lives.

II A Timely Lesson for All of Us

- We have only the time that God has allotted us.
- We should realize God's sovereignty over our lives and be diligent and bold in how we serve Jesus.
- We should never avoid doing what is necessary or right out of fear.

III Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

- Our hope is not in an event, but in a person.
- It is still the great question confronting everyone even today.