

SEEING THE GLORY OF GOD

John 11:17-44

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- John talked about feeling like he was part of the stories and events in the Bible by listening to them dramatically. What are some Bible stories or events you would love to have been part of when they actually happened? Which character would you want to be in that story? Why?
- John reminded us that every time we open the Bible, we can see life-changing truths. What is the last transforming truth that you discovered in your personal Bible reading?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **John Nemmers focused on three ways that Jesus revealed His glory in this well-known event.**

Three Ways Jesus Reveals His Glory:

1. **By Proclaiming His Power To Martha (John 11:20-27; 39)**

- Martha had a legitimate but limited faith (vs. 21). What she needed was to actually see the glory of God, so Jesus explained to her that He **IS** the resurrection and the life (vs. 25). Be honest, are there burdens in your life that you don't really believe Jesus can lift? What are they?
- If you want to experience God's power personally, you must believe that God is Who He says He is. What do you think you might be missing out on because of your limited view of God?

2. **By Pastoring The Heart Of Mary (John 11:20; 28-36)**

- Mary tells Jesus that He is too late, that her brother Lazarus is beyond help. Jesus' priority was for Mary to hear His call (vs. 28). When you think of Jesus' calling on your life, is it with anger and judgement or with love and sweetness? Why do you think you think of Jesus that way?
- In John 10:1-5, Jesus says that He is the Good Shepherd Who calls His sheep by name. Briefly tell the story of how God called you to Himself in salvation - share your testimony.

3. **By Providing His Power Through Lazarus (John 11:38-44)**

- John said that the event of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is a clear illustration of what needs to happen to anyone who wants eternal life. How would you use the story in this passage to help someone else understand what happens at salvation? Can you think of other passages that might help with your explanation (e.g. Ephesians 2:1, etc.)
- If you're a Christ-follower, how sensitive are you to the glory of God? How often do you see it? How might you experience God's glory more consistently?

God loves to human agents to prepare for the miracle of new spiritual life.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you will be convicted of sin and convinced of the glory of God this week.

