
WEEK 5: RAISING LAZARUS

John 11

1. JESUS ALLOWS PAIN
2. JESUS ENTERS OUR PAIN
3. JESUS IS THE SOLUTION TO OUR PAIN

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this week's teaching stood out to you the most? Why?
2. When we read the Bible sometimes it's easy to forget that these people we read about are made of the same stuff we are and they have questions and problems just like we do. Who do you relate to the most from the story of Lazarus? Why?
3. Many people see the existence of pain and suffering as proof that God is either not all that powerful or He's not all that loving. How would you talk to someone about this very common concern? How does the story of Lazarus address this idea?
4. Is there any pain in your past that you can look back on and see how God has used it for good in a way you never expected?
5. The second idea this week was that Jesus enters our pain. How can Jesus' attitude towards those who are mourning inform the way we treat people who are dealing with pain?
6. What does it mean that "Jesus is the solution to our pain"? How does Jesus give you hope even when you can't understand what is going on or why things are happening?
7. Are you experiencing any pain right now that has left you asking "why"? Obviously, as a group we don't have all the answers. Instead of trying to offer a bunch of advice to one another let's spend some time as a group praying about these different areas of life where we are experiencing pain.