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SERMON SUMMARY

There are times when life just does not make sense.
The story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead shows us that
sometimes life doesn't make sense...

MESSAGE NOTES

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Do not feel like you must cover every question below. Decide which one or ones really apply to your group or stir up an interest in your group. Do not rush to “get through them all.” It is more important that you discuss openly and honestly than that you go over every question.)

1. When Jesus was told that Lazarus was very sick what do you think Jesus meant when He said that “this sickness would not result in the end of life for Lazarus?” Did he not die?
2. Have one or two people in your group tell about a time when God allowed some real difficulty to happen in your life that just did not make sense to you. Discuss how it made you feel. Have you been able to see yet that God is going to use that for your good or His glory?
3. Have someone in your group tell about a time when it did not look like God answered your prayer but later you could see what He was doing.
4. Discuss the following statement and ask someone to give an example of it happening in their life.
“Sometimes it is during the most difficult periods of your life that you learn the most about life and Jesus.”
5. Have each person in your group tell if they are more like Martha (the worrier, worker, fixer) or Mary (a worshiper, quieter, calmer). Talk about how God has worked, or how it has been difficult for God to work, in your life through your personality traits.
6. Has anyone in the group ever had to have “even if faith” because God did not do something in a way they could see it or understand it? How did they respond?
7. If someone in your group has gone through losing a close family member or friend, what were they able to hang onto to get through it?
8. What are some of your thoughts regarding Jesus getting “angry”?
9. Have you ever had a time in your life when you felt you have experienced the statement below...?
The only thing that limits God is our willingness to believe and trust!
10. Discuss, as a group, what you feel like your purpose in life is.