

FROM DEATH TO LIFE WEEK 4

Discussion & Reflection Questions

John 11:1-45 | Romans 8:6-11

1. Observing the Story

1. What details stand out to you in the story of Lazarus in John 11?
2. What do you notice about how Jesus responds when he hears that Lazarus is sick?
3. How do Martha and Mary respond to Jesus when he arrives? What similarities and differences do you see?
4. What is significant about the detail that Lazarus had been dead for four days?

2. Understanding the Passage

5. Why do you think Jesus delays going to Lazarus instead of going immediately?
6. What does Jesus mean when he says, **“I am the resurrection and the life”**?
7. Why is it important that Jesus weeps, even though he knows he will raise Lazarus?
8. How does the raising of Lazarus function as more than just a miracle? What is it pointing toward?

3. Wrestling with the Tension

9. Billy highlighted the question, **“Why does Jesus sometimes seem late?”**
When have you experienced a situation where it felt like God was late or not responding the way you expected?
10. Martha expresses both faith and disappointment at the same time. Why do you think those two can coexist in a healthy faith?
11. Billy pointed out that faith can look different, sometimes like questions (Martha) and sometimes like tears (Mary). Which of those do you relate to more right now?

4. Reflecting on Jesus' Character

12. What does this story teach us about how Jesus responds to human suffering and grief?
13. Billy emphasized that Jesus does not stand at a distance from pain but steps into it. How does that shape the way you view God in difficult seasons?

14. Why do you think Jesus calls Lazarus by name? What might that reveal about how Jesus relates to people personally?

5. Applying “Life Today”

15. Billy described **waiting seasons** where Jesus feels late. What helps you trust God during those times?
16. Billy said that **grief is not a failure of faith**. How might that change the way you or others process loss?
17. Billy explained that Christian hope is not just future (“someday”) but present (“who is with us now”). What does that look like in everyday life?
18. Billy talked about “**places that feel final**”, situations that seem beyond hope. What are some examples of those in real life?
19. What does it mean to believe that Jesus is not intimidated by what feels final to us?

6. The Bigger Picture

20. Billy pointed out the irony that Lazarus walks out of the grave because Jesus is about to walk into one. Why is that connection important for understanding the Gospel?
21. How does this story prepare us for Jesus’ own death and resurrection?
22. Looking back over the whole series (new birth, living water, new sight, life from death), what stands out to you about the kind of life Jesus offers?

Closing Reflection

John 11 presents two realities side by side:

- The reality of death, grief, and delay
- The reality of Jesus as resurrection and life

Where do you find yourself living between those two realities right now, and how might this story reshape your perspective?