

Discussion Guide | John 11:1-16

Gathering Question:

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 11:1-16

The Silence of Jesus | John 11:6 “He stayed where he was two more days.”

- Why do you think Jesus delayed going to Bethany, even though He loved Lazarus and his sisters?
- How do you usually respond when God seems slow or silent? Fear, frustration, doubt, trust?

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- Put yourself in Paul's shoes. How would you feel if God hadn't removed the “thorn”?
- What does it mean that God said, “My grace is sufficient for you”?
- How does weakness and dependence actually draw us closer to God?

Contract or Covenant

- How would you describe the difference between a contractual and covenantal view of God?
- What might “contractual” faith look like in everyday life?
- How does understanding your relationship with God as covenantal change the way you see suffering or silence?

The Cross as the Constant

- Why is it so easy to measure God's goodness based on our individual circumstances?
- How can we re-center our hearts on the cross when life feels dark or confusing?
- Is there an aspect of your current situation that makes you feel like you're waiting on God in silence?
- How can you remind yourself that His grace is enough — practically, daily?

Closing Prayer