



When life doesn't turn out the way we hope, it can cause us to doubt God's goodness. But many times it's in the midst of our circumstances that we better understand God's presence. Our circumstances are not an indicator of God's absence.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time you've seen God perform a miracle in your life or someone you know.
2. Have you been in a situation where you didn't see God answer the way you had prayed or hoped for? If so, can you share a moment?
3. Why do bad things happen to good people?
4. If God is always present, all powerful, and all knowing why doesn't He make everything perfect and right?
5. Read John 11:1-44.
 - What do you think it felt like to have a close relationship with Jesus to where people would say He loved them? (vv. 3,5)
 - What did Jesus mean in verse 4, when He said, *"This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it"*?
 - How did Mary and Martha feel when Jesus didn't show up to heal Lazarus? (vv. 21, 22, 32)
 - What was going through Jesus' mind when He wept? (v. 35)
 - What were people thinking when Jesus told them to remove the stone from? (vv. 38-39)

Next Steps:

- How can you see God in your circumstances this week?
- How can I trust God in my circumstances this week?