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Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 3 | To Bring God Glory

John 11:1-45

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Introduction

We've all had seasons in our lives where we've been in very difficult circumstances and we've asked God to change those circumstances. To make things better. And God didn't answer our prayer. At least not the way we thought he should. And we've asked ourselves the big question many people have asked at least once in their lifetime. The question... "Why doesn't God do something about that?"

This series looks at three stories of three different men in the New Testament, where this question could have been asked. Each one shows that God cares deeply for us in the most difficult of times and that God can bring about the very best through the hardest of times in our lives.

Questions for Study

1. In this sermon series, a statement we've come back to repeatedly is this: **"WHO you find in the trial far outweighs the trial itself."** How does this statement shape how you approach and respond to trials?
2. How is this different than how we might normally respond to difficult situations in our lives?
3. Look at John 11:1-45.
 - As a group, summarize what is going on. How is this a trial?
 - How were different characters in this passage responding?
 - What surprises you as you read through this passage?
4. What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?
5. Choose 2-3 of these truths about Jesus. How does this truth about WHO Jesus is influence how we can respond in the midst of trials?
6. In this passage, we learn that Jesus will use this trial for His glory (v. 4) and so others would believe in Him (v. 14). How does John 11:1-45 accomplish both of these things – Jesus' glory and people believing in Him?
7. How might trials we face – and the way we respond to them – glorify God and cultivate belief? (If you have concrete examples of what this has looked like in your life, please consider sharing.)
8. Since this is the last sermon in this series, take a few minutes and share what you've learned the last three weeks. What are the big things that have stood out to you? What can you do to remember these big lessons you've learned?