

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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Knowing God's Will

#6 – GOD'S WILL + OUR OBEDIENCE = GOD'S GLORY

INTRODUCTION:

What is something you've seen or experienced that has been really special?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Note: Mary and Martha's family is culturally blended. Lazarus is the Hebrew version of Eleazar meaning "God helps" or "whose help is God." Mary of Greek origin and Martha is Aramaic. "Lord" was a term used to signify master or owner (of property). Martha was of high social status, a widow, probably older than Jesus. She believed that Jesus healed, had the power to petition God for change, in the resurrection (so she was not a Sadducee), that Jesus was the Messiah. They thought that a person could be revived within three days, but after that his soul (essence) was gone. Bodies were loosely wrapped in cloth with arms and legs bound. They were not embalmed (like Egypt) but were quickly put in a main chamber where decomposition (and smell) took place rapidly. After a year, the bones were put in a private ossuary.

Read John 11:1-4

1. Why did Jesus wait? **John 20:31**
2. Why were they surprised that Jesus would go back? **John 11:5-8**
3. Was Lazarus asleep or dead? Jn 11:11-15 How would they know the difference?
4. Abraham believed God's promise, even though he didn't know the timing. **Rom 4:19-21**
What are the chances the God can do what he promises? What difference does time make?
5. How do you respond when God's will is not on the same timetable as yours?

Read John 11:38-43

6. Why did they remove the stone (even though it didn't make sense)?
7. Why did Jesus pray out loud?
8. **Jn 11:21-27** Why did we get to hear this discussion?
9. Why did he call Lazarus by name? Why did he speak loudly?
10. What was the significance of Lazarus' resurrection? Didn't he die again (eventually)?

Read 11:44-45

11. How did their faith allow them to experience God's glory?
12. What is the relationship between their obedience and God's glory?
13. How can God's glory act as a guide to knowing God's will?

APPLICATION:

- What difficult circumstances are you facing that demand your faith and obedience?
- How might God be glorified through your obedience to His will?