

GREIVING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOHN 11:1-42

1 **Read John 11:1–6.** List everything you learn about the relationships and history between Jesus, Lazarus, Mary, and Martha.

 a. How would you expect Jesus to respond to their plea? How does he respond?

 b. Explain the “So” or “Therefore” at the beginning of John 11:6. How does what comes after the “So” follow from what came before? And how does what Jesus says in John 11:4 inform your explanation?

2 **What was the purpose for Lazarus’ death?** What is the underlying reason for all of God’s works, from the creation of the world to the redemption of sinners, the judgment of unbelievers, to the manifestation of his greatness?

 a. God’s glory is intrinsic to his nature, such that, it is reflected in his name. Notice what God is called in Ps. 29:3, Acts 7:2, 1 Sam. 15:28, Ps. 24:7-10, and 1 Cor. 2:8.

 b. How could the most painful thing in your life right now, the most troubling circumstance you are experiencing be intended to magnify the glory of God?

3 **Meditate on Psalm 84:11.** “For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

 a. When in your life have you experienced something difficult, recognizing it was actually a good thing, a gift from God?

 b. How is God’s glory and our good an apparent contradiction?

