

5. Read Romans 12:15. How have you experienced or provided this in your life?

6. Have you witnessed or talked with eyewitnesses of miracles happening in today's world? Tell the story to a friend or your small group.

7. What's one way you can be more trusting with God this week?

### **Missional Application**

God calls us to glorify him in sickness and death, trusting in his power to raise us from the dead.

### **Christ Connection**

Jesus grieved over death and overturned it's power.

Because Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, we have full assurance that Jesus will one day defeat death forever and resurrect us from the dead.

### **Jesus the Story-teller**

"What to do when God delays"

John 11

#### **What Do I Do When God Delays?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God of how much He loves you.

God loves more than you \_\_\_\_\_ him to love.

This will increase your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God with the unseen realm.

It's when we don't know, don't understand or can't know everything that real \_\_\_\_\_ earns it's medals.

The clues lead us to \_\_\_\_\_.

Clue #1 -

Clue #2 -

Clue #3 -

"Christ can show wonders to the dead. Death, which will separate us from all our other friends, and cut us off from correspondence with them, cannot separate us from the love of Christ, nor put us out of the reach of his calls; as he will maintain his covenant with the dust, so he can make visits to the dust. Lazarus is dead, but let us go to him..." -

3. \_\_\_\_\_

We can deeply feel and \_\_\_\_\_ at the same time.

God \_\_\_\_\_ alongside us even in his perfect knowledge of the future.

Don't give God \_\_\_\_\_, he doesn't need them.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ for faith beyond your understanding

#### Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...

#### Family Discussion Questions

1. Imagine our family is grieving a loss, just like Mary and Martha grieved their brother, Lazarus. How would we have responded to Jesus' delay?
2. Think back to a time when our family experienced a devastating loss. How could we respond in faith in during a time like this in the future?
3. As a family, discuss what it means to trust?

#### Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Think of a time when you felt God was delaying. In looking back, were there any "clues" of his future interaction?
3. When you've experienced God's delay turn into a denial, how have you processed that with him?
4. Read John 12:1-11. What's the closest thing you've experienced to the type of plotting against that Lazarus is experiencing because of God's work in your life?