

“God didn’t help me”

Dealing with Disappointment

7th October 2018

Key Scripture: John 11:1-44

The bible helpfully breaks this story down into 3 sections which is how we looked at it on Sunday. The 3 words linking to the 3 sections were:

1. DELAY
2. DESPAIR
3. DECAY

QUESTIONS

Take a few minutes to read the whole story out loud, together as a group.

1. As you read and heard the story as a whole, were there any things that reminded you about anything from Sundays message?
2. Focus on John 11:1-16. Section one was all about ‘delay’. ***‘Sometimes disappointment can grab hold of us in our perception of the delay in God’s activity’.*** Can you relate to this kind of disappointment?
3. Focus on John 11:17-37. Section two was all about ‘despair’. ***‘Sometimes disappointment has the greatest opportunity to grab hold of us in the midst of our deepest despair’.*** What can we learn from Martha and Mary in the way that they handle their disappointment in this story?
4. How can we make a move towards Jesus in our disappointments?
5. How can we develop a consistent posture towards Jesus as Mary clearly has when we see her in scripture?
6. Mary needed a little help to make her move towards Jesus. Are you carrying disappointments in your life that hinder your relationship with God and how could you ask for help in that?