

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

John 11 - Phil Demeter

We learned a simple, but HUGE truth this weekend at church about the Lord; His will be done. That if we believe that Jesus IS the Resurrection then we too will have eternal life. Jesus' friend Lazarus is dying and, even though Mary and Martha had pleaded for Jesus to come, He did not arrive until well after Lazarus' death. The sadness amongst the family just knowing that if Jesus had been there Lazarus would have been there with them... eating, hugging, and being thankful that Jesus had helped him overcome his sickness. But Jesus didn't come.

Why would He have not wanted to be there to heal Lazarus, and encourage Mary and Martha? Why would He have not cared that Lazarus was dying? Why in what seemed like such a great time of need, to them, did Jesus not arrive? My prayer is that through all this we understand God's timing being the Best timing and why this is.

Ted spoke a few Huge Truths about the "why" this happened:

Main Point - It Is Good That God's Will Be Done

- God is Love – God is most loving when he does what is most glorifying.
- God is Patient – The heights of his triumph are more evident in the depths of tragedy
- Jesus is the Resurrection

So let's chat about why Jesus did such a thing:

- Was there a time where you prayed the prayer "Lord, if YOU had just been here then...(fill in the blank)"? Looking back can you see where Jesus DID arrive, but on His timing? How did you feel when Jesus didn't arrive when you thought that He should?
- When we pray whatever prayer we are praying and end with "Thy will be done", What do we mean by this? What are some of the ramifications of honestly praying this?
- One of Jesus' attributes is that He is Love. But do you remember how He demonstrates this from the sermon? If Jesus needs to be glorified in His timing how does this make you feel during and after the situation?
- How is God glorified when we allow Jesus to move in His timing? Ted said the phrase about the Lord's patience that "the heights of triumph are seen through the depths of tragedy". When we hear this, how can we glorify the Lord in times of our prayers answered and unanswered?