

GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

a story of life... John 11:1-42

Big Idea

In the face of a most devastating of circumstances – the death of Lazarus – Jesus showed up and performed a miracle by raising him to life. Many people live lives shaken by their circumstances and in bondage to the stuff that happens to us. When we realize the miracle that has taken place in our own life (that we too have been raised to new life) and our focus becomes who Jesus is, then we start to live lives unshaken and grounded in Christ.

Questions for Discussions

1. How are you doing at seeing **ALL** things in your life as a way of glorifying God? Think of one current circumstance (good or bad) – how might this circumstance/situation be used to glorify God? Trusting in God's sovereignty and love for you, what are some practical ways that you might draw closer to God through this current circumstance – thus He's glorified as you draw closer to Him?
2. Is God's 'delay' in your life causing you to draw closer to Him trusting in His goodness, or are you interpreting the 'delay' as God's indifference towards you? Is it possible that the reason for God's 'delay' (keeping us in the grave) is so that when He does work and act on our behalf, He alone will get the glory & praise?
3. We often say that 'Jesus & Jesus alone' is savior – the Christ, the Son of God, but we often continue looking to our 'functional saviors.' A 'functional savior' is anything we look to for life or satisfaction believing that the 'functional savior' will do something for us that Jesus will not. What are your 'functional saviors'? What are you looking for your 'functional savior' to do for you? What causes you to believe that Jesus and Jesus alone is not enough for you?
4. How you doing at obeying God, even when it seems crazy to do so? When's the last time you did something out of obedience that seemed crazy and yet in faith you stepped out in obedience? How did it turn out for you?
5. The Apostle Paul encourages us by reminding us *"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ" Gal. 2:26-27*. Does what your wearing (attitudes & actions) reflect the miracle that Jesus has made you ALIVE? In other words, is how you live reflect the NEW life that Jesus has given you, or do you live like Jesus has performed no miracle in your life? What would your life look like if you lived daily in the reality of the miracle of your salvation?