

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions for March 21, 2018
John 11 ~ Jann Wright

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2. How do you expect Jesus to intervene and address the situation? How do you/will you feel if he doesn't meet your expectations?

3. Read aloud verse 5. What does the verse say? Insert your own name and read it again. Why do you think this verse is here between the sisters' expectation and his action which doesn't meet their expectation? How can this verse help us when we feel God is not meeting our expectations?

4. In this passage in the moments of grief there is a theological discussion, verses 22-27, and an entering into the experience of those grieving, verses 28-35. With which one are you most comfortable? Why? Are Christians better at one than the other? Why are both needed? Have you ever seen an example where one was sacrificed at the expense of the other?

5. Why did Jesus weep?

6. Are we willing to enter into the grief of another person? What will that cost us?

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4. In verses 1-21 Jesus doesn't seem to meet Mary, Martha, or the disciples' expectations. What did the disciples expect and how did Jesus' actions not meet their expectations?
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9. What does the raising of Lazarus from the dead demonstrate? How can that provide encouragement to us?
10. What was the reaction of the religious leaders? What did they fear? Were those godly concerns? Why or Why not?
11. What was the irony of the statement by Caiaphas?
12. What was the irony in verse 55 of purifying themselves? What are some ways that we conform to observable religious behaviors and neglect the state of our hearts?