



Part 2: If God is in Charge, Then Why?

GET GOING

If God is in charge then fill in the blank. The painful and difficult circumstances of life are perhaps the biggest obstacles to a person's belief in Christ. However, what of the presence of pain isn't necessary the absence of love? You asked for it...

DISCUSS

1. What is one thing that really struck you from this week's message?
2. Read John 11:1-15. Why do you think people often equate pain with God's absence?
3. During the message Mark used the illustration of a skilled baker using ingredients that don't taste good on their own to make something delicious, like a cake. How does Jesus use Lazarus's sickness and death to bring about something good?
4. Because Jesus loved Lazarus, He waited. What are you waiting on God for right now? How does this passage give you a fresh perspective in your season of waiting?
5. None of us like pain but sometimes we recognize that it's necessary. Like a parent who has to hold their child through a vaccine injection, how do you think God interacts with us in our moments of pain?
6. Share a difficult or painful circumstance from your own life that God used to bring you closer to Him.

WRAP IT UP

Through we can't see the big picture right now we can be confident that even in our painful circumstances of life, God is at work and working all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28)!