



When you feel abandoned.

ICEBREAKER:

Share about a memorable time when you forgot someone or something. How did that make you feel and how do you think it made the other person feel?

WEEK 3

1. In this week's message we talked about the times when we feel like Jesus is not responding or helping us in our pain. Read John 11:1-6. Describe, in your own words, how you think Lazarus felt as he waited for Jesus to come heal him, but then learned Jesus was not coming. Have you ever felt some of the same things Lazarus likely felt? If so, when?
2. Read John 11:35-44. What happens in this passage? What does it tell us about Jesus?
3. Have you ever felt like God has let your suffering go on too long? Is this a feeling you are currently experiencing? If so please share or describe the situation.
4. In the sermon we learned that God is working for us despite our doubt, frustration, and confusion. Do you believe that God weeps about the brokenness and pain in your life? How can you remind yourself and each other of that truth this week?
5. In the sermon we heard John share a story of taking his young son to the Emergency Room and having to hold him down against his will, but for his own good. John loves his son, but he had to act in a way that his son could not understand. How does this true story offer insights into how God is good, can be "with you," and can be "for you," even in the midst of your suffering? Who can you encourage with this truth about God this week?