

If Only?!

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Three Common Questions:

1. _____ are you, Lord?

- He has a better _____ [Heb. 13:5; Mt. 28:20; Heb. 4:14-16]

God has never _____

2. _____ are you coming, Lord?

- He has a bigger _____ [Ps. 13; Heb. 10:35-11:1]

God is never _____

3. _____ are you doing, Lord?

- He has a broader _____ [Jer. 29:11-14; 2 Cor. 1:18-22]

God is never _____

Do you believe this?

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. Reflect on a time when you told God, “If Only?!” What circumstances were you facing at that time? What questions were you asking?

Digging deeper:

Read John 11:1-44

1. How do you think Martha and Mary felt when Jesus was seemingly absent in their time of need? Have you ever felt that way? How might the promises found in Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20; and Hebrews 4:14-16 speak to those questions? What other Scriptures have been meaningful to you?
2. How do you think Martha and Mary felt when it took Jesus three days to show up after they sent Him word that their brother was ill? What do you experience when you are in God’s waiting room? How might Psalm 13 and Hebrews 10:35—11:1 encourage you? Any other passages?

3. Why was it so difficult for Martha, Mary, and the disciples to understand what Jesus was saying and doing? Have there been times when you’ve had difficulty understanding what Jesus was doing? If so, why? How can Jeremiah 29:11-14 and 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 help you when you are wrestling?

Taking it Home:

1. How might Martha and Mary’s experience and their questions help you in this season of your life? What do you sense Jesus is saying to you right now in situations you or those you love are facing? How might you also encourage others with the comfort and hope you have received?

Prayer Concerns: