



I WANT TO BELIEVE BUT...

09/13/2020 “...My Prayers Aren't Answered”

At the start of group, take a moment to share your experience with faith and church. Give each person 3-4 minutes.

1. Read John 11:1-37. What emotions do you see in this text?
2. Put yourself in Mary and then in Martha's shoes, how do you think your response would have been similar or different?
3. What do you think might have been going through the disciple's minds?
4. What reasons have you heard from churched and unchurched people when it comes to unanswered prayer?
5. Read Psalm 119:65-72. The author seems to affirm the existence of suffering and the goodness of God at the same time. What is your reaction to this view?
6. Pastor John stated that suffering makes the world better. What did he mean by this?
7. Read John 15:2. How does this passage speak to the purpose of suffering—or “pruning” according to the analogy?
8. How does suffering transform us?
9. Have you experienced some of the positive effects of suffering?
10. How have you seen others positively engage or support those who are going through suffering?
11. What are you praying for right now that you are waiting for a response on? Join together as a group in prayer for wisdom as it pertains to that need.