

# Easter Sunday: When? | The Prayer Course II: Unanswered Prayer - Week 5

Watch the film - Session 5:

<https://youtu.be/4Fk7sl2VstA>

28m49s

## Discussion questions

**Q.** What did you find most helpful, inspiring or challenging in what Pete and Sammy Greig, Gemma Hunt and Ladan Nouri?

The Bible says that we 'do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.' (1 Thess. 4:13).

**Q.** Thinking about an area of long-term disappointment in your life, how might an eternal perspective reframe the way you relate to it?

**Q.** What do you think the new heaven and the new earth will be like? How will it be different? How will it be the same?

**Q.** In the video Pete and Sammy Greig used a kintsugi bowl to illustrate the beauty that can come out of brokenness. Where can you see beauty coming out of brokenness in your life, or in the life of someone in this group? Page 3 / 4

**Q.** The story of Ladan and the missionaries Mark and Gladys Bliss demonstrates that it can sometimes take months, years or even decades for fruit to come out of our suffering.

Are there stories in our community's history of how challenges and trials have now produced fruit? Or are there opportunities for us to turn our current challenges into long-term fruit?

**Q.** Eugene Peterson writes, "Faith develops out of the most difficult aspects of our existence, not the easiest." How do the stories you've heard across this course reflect and inspire you to keep persevering in the midst of challenges?

## Prayer time:

**Q.** How are you feeling about the things we've discussed today? Are there any areas in which you'd appreciate prayer?

Congratulations! You've made it through the Unanswered Prayer Course! There are additional resources on the Prayer Course website ([www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org)) to help you continue your journey through the topics that we've explored together.

If you'd like to go deeper and you haven't already done so, there are 3 things you can do next:

1. Read God on Mute

2. Work through the forty day devotional at the end of God on Mute

3. Download the Lectio 365 app from 24-7 Prayer to pray and read the Bible each day with Pete Greig and the team.

You can find out more about the 24-7 Prayer movement at [24-7prayer.com](http://24-7prayer.com). and you can access Pete Greig's other books and teaching at [petegreig.info](http://petegreig.info)

## **Closing prayer**

As we finish this course, we'll pray an ancient apostolic blessing over us from the book of Romans. It speaks about the power of the Holy Spirit as the one who renews us with hope, so you may like to open your hands now to receive afresh:

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* – Romans 15:13

## **Further resources & reflection**

### **Journaling question**

What has God spoken, revealed, or shared with me through this journey? What does this mean that I need to do now?

### **Reflect on...**

Take time to pause reflect on The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (available online at [www.caravaggio.org/the-incredulity-of-saint-thomas.jsp](http://www.caravaggio.org/the-incredulity-of-saint-thomas.jsp))

### **Books**

Surprised by Hope, Tom Wright

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

Dirty Glory, Pete Greig

How to Pray, Pete Greig