

Life Group Discussion Guide

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Genuine Worship - From John 12

This week's sermon highlighted the way in which Mary's lavish love poured out on Jesus reveals some key ingredients which make up true worship. In this group time, we will revisit this event along with exploring the others who were present in the room.

Q? When someone says, "that gal is a worshippinger" what would we generally assume this to mean? _____

Q? What do we tend to most associate worship with?

Read John 12:1-8 aloud in your group

The value of the perfume Mary poured on Jesus feet was equivalent to 1 year's wage for the average worker. Today that might be \$30,000 - \$50,000.

Q? Though a prophetic act of preparing Jesus for his upcoming burial, what lessons can we learn about genuine worship when considering the costly possession Mary emptied without hesitation? How does this translate into our worship?

A woman's hair is her glory (1 Corinthians 11:15). Feet washing represents humility & service.

Q? When we put these 2 symbols together, how does a woman using her symbol of glory to wipe the dusty feet of her Lord give us a deeper picture of genuine worship? How do we personalize it? Discuss: _____

In this passage, Mary is obviously being spotlighted as the one in the room who **“gets it”**. She is the one who’s heart of worship is being demonstrated in her lavish expression toward Jesus.

Q? What are the other individuals doing/saying during this special moment? (Discuss what Martha, Lazarus & Judas were doing) _____

Q? How might the various responses of the 4 individuals named in this passage be a picture of the various heart positions/conditions reflected in a church congregation? (Discuss how Martha, Lazarus, Mary & Judas represent 4 different categories of people in church today?) _____

Martha = _____

Mary = _____

Lazarus = _____

Judas = _____

Q? Based on everything we discussed in our group time, has a case been made that worship is much more than singing? In what ways can your worship become more genuine moving forward? Discuss: _____

Close your discussion by taking some time to pray that the Holy Spirit would stir a deeper life of worship in us & the church.