

## **WEEK 32**

### **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

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When did you share a meal with others that marked a significant moment?

While the chief priests and lawyers are plotting against Jesus, an unnamed woman is anointing him with valuable oil. How do the people present react to the woman's worship of Jesus?

What is Jesus' response to this woman?

How do we sometimes react when people seem to worship Jesus without inhibition—pouring out their valuables, their stories, their dancing, their music—in ways we feel aren't appropriate?

Which group or individual do you identify with most in this scene and why?

What was the costliest offering you have ever made to Jesus?

What is the value of celebrating feasts and festivals? What are the most important celebrations for Christians?

What is the value of honoring Jesus in public? How do we avoid doing so with wrong motives?

Mary did not care about social taboos or personal embarrassment when she worshiped Jesus. How can we follow her example today?

Mary's critics said that the value of her gift exceeded the limit of what should be spent on Jesus. How are we today similar to those critics?

How was Mary's willingness to make a radical, extravagant sacrifice threatening to her critics?

What is the balance between practical, responsible stewardship and radical, extravagant giving? How do we avoid using the former as an excuse to escape the latter?

Did Jesus dismiss His followers from taking care of the poor? What is the biblical evidence for your answer?

In Luke 14:27-28 Jesus says a person should “calculate the cost” of becoming a disciple. Here we learn that true love never calculates the cost. How do these two lessons fit together?

In what ways do some people today look for what they can get for Jesus? How do people try to profit from going to church?

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