



Digging Deeper Week 7 Encountering Christ

Video (20 Minutes)

Discussion (20 Minutes) Read John 12:1-11

- 1) Jesus showed us His priorities by what he did the last six days of His life. What would you do, who would you see if you had 6 days left to live? Equally important what would you not do?
- 2) Mary performed a simple act of devotion and love. So often we can get caught in thinking we have to do big things for Jesus and we forget to simply love and adore Him. How have you found this true in your own life? How can you cultivate a simple love and adoration for Jesus?
- 3) Mary's lavish gift was not an impulsive act. She came **prepared** to worship by giving Jesus the equivalent of one year's salary. What are some ways you **prepare** to worship Jesus?
- 4) Consider the relationships you have with the people you love the most. What comes first, getting things done or loving the people in your life? How can you express your care for the people you love this week?

Prayer (20 minutes)

So often we miss God's simple love and adoration for us. Jesus appreciated what Mary did for her. In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus says "that wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will be told, in memory of her." His words gave Mary a sense of value and belonging. Let God speak words of affirmation and/or guidance into your life. He loves you so much just the way you are. Yet He loves you too much to let you stay that way.

Take some time to pray. We encourage you to write your prayer down. You can follow the ACTS model for prayer on the back of this page. Then take the equal amount of time to listen to what God is telling you. Write down what you hear God saying to you. Another idea is to write out your prayer as if you were transcribing a phone conversation.

Share your experience and close in prayer as a group.

ACTS Prayer

Adoration – praising God for who He is. Expressing appreciation for his character.

Confession – acknowledging our sins and shortcoming to God

Thanksgiving – thanking God for specific things has done

Supplication – making requests of God