



Week 18 Discussion Questions

Text: John 12:1-19

Icebreaker: What does worshipping God look like in your everyday life? What is your favorite way to worship God?

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?
2. We are halfway through our series in the book of John, and John 12:1 tells us that it is once again the Passover. This is the third Passover mentioned in John's gospel, which indicates that the first half of the book covers roughly three years, while the second half focuses on one final week of Jesus' life and ministry. John's gospel account is highly intentional. Recall what the main idea of the book is and consider why John chose to include the specific events and details that he did.
3. What is the purpose of Mary pouring out the perfume on Jesus' feet in this context?
4. What stands out when you compare Mary's actions with Judas' intentions? Reflect on each of their responses to Jesus and what they teach us about worship.
5. Mary worships Jesus in a lavish way, unconcerned with the cost. With Mary's actions in mind, what worldly possession would be difficult for you to give up for Jesus?
6. Judas' greed blinds him to Jesus' truth. What sinful desires blind you to God's truth, keeping you from living life to the full?
7. What would it look like to worship Jesus lavishly in your own life?
8. Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 15:11 in his response to Judas. Read Deuteronomy 15:7-11 and discuss why Jesus uses this passage to correct Judas. In what way does this response shape our worship today?
9. Why are the Jews and Pharisees threatened by Jesus' work and message? What about Jesus' truth is threatening to the world today?
10. Just like those in John's gospel, we can respond to Jesus' truth in one of two ways: worship or rejection. Do your choices and actions reflect worship or rejection of Jesus?