

Small Group Guide

John 12

From the sermon - Magnificent 7 Pt. 2



"Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair."

John 12:3

Discuss

1. What stuck out to you during the message?
2. Read John 11:32. Mary fell at Jesus' feet and spoke out with respect. Can you think of any other time in Scripture when someone has fell down and spoke like this to God? What makes each account unique and what does it reveal about God's character?
3. Read John 12:8. This is a statement made by Jesus. We see Jesus' care for the poor and needy in passages such as Matt. 19:21, so why would a statement like this be made to seemingly ignore the poor for the time being?
4. Luke 10:39 states that Mary "sat at the feet of Jesus" to learn. Read Luke 8:35 and Acts 22:3 where the phrase "sat at the feet" is also used. How is the phrase "sat at the feet" when used with being taught distinctly different from just listening to teaching? How can we apply passages like these to our spiritual lives?
5. Jesus tells Martha in Luke 10:41 that she is "anxious and troubled about many things," but then Jesus commends Mary for choosing "the good portion" in Luke 10:42 and protects her from criticism for anointing his feet in John 12:7. How does Mary show how her love for Jesus transcends what the culture might desire us do? How can we be more concerned with pleasing our Savior than with the public's criticism?