

Life Group Homework

JOHN 12:1-11 – An Extravagant Worship, Prophetic Claim

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever been moved to give something or do something for the kingdom of God that others thought was extreme?
2. What motive did you have for doing so?

Digging In:

1. The expensive ointment (spikenard) had a value equal to ten months of an average worker's pay (today you could buy one pound of it online for a mere \$571.58). What do you think moved Mary to wash the feet of Jesus with such an extravagant oil?
2. Why anoint his feet? Why not anoint his head, or simply give him the ointment?

3. Why wipe it with her hair? What effect would this have on her hair? What would using her hair communicate to Jesus or show to those that were present?

4. If you watched this same event, would you have been tempted to think as Judas did (though maybe without the intent to pilfer the money later)?

5. What might be a modern equivalent to Mary's actions?

Living It Out:

1. Have you ever taken an action in your life that expressed the same sentiment that Mary's action in this passage expressed?

2. What sort of things would typically prevent us from taking such an action?