

Discussion Guide | John 12:1-11

Gathering Question:

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer.

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 12:1-11

- Reflect on Martha's service. How do you see Martha expressing love for Jesus through service?
- Reflect on Lazarus' presence at the table. Lazarus simply sits at the table with Jesus. Why is his presence itself such a powerful witness?
- Reflect on Mary's devotion. What words would you use to describe Mary's act? Strange? Extravagant? Beautiful? Costly?

The Worth of Jesus

- The sermon defined worship as giving worth. What are some things people commonly treat as "worthy" in our culture?
- In your own life, what tends to compete with Jesus for the highest place of worth?

Extravagant Worship and Resistant Objections

- Mary gave Jesus her best—financially costly and emotionally valuable. What might "your very best" look like in your life today?
- Why do you think a life of worship often looks foolish or wasteful to the watching world?

The Fragrance Fills the House

- John says, "The house was filled with the fragrance." What does that image stir in you?
- How does wholehearted worship change the atmosphere of a home, a workplace, a church?
- What is one area of your life where Jesus is inviting you to trust him with something precious?

Closing Prayer