



A Pretty Girl, Some Perfume & the Poor

Small Group Questions

Matthew 26:6-13

February 22

Community

- If you are hosting a dinner party, what are you serving?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read Matthew 26:6-13

1. How would you describe the general atmosphere surrounding Jesus in Matthew 26? (Read the first 5 verses for a hint) How does that atmosphere color the way you read this story in verses 6-13?
2. Why do you think Simon the leper is named in this passage? What does the fact that Jesus was staying at a leper's house (or a former leper) tell you about Jesus?
3. Lance suggested that perhaps Jesus had healed Simon. How has Jesus impacted your life? How should we follow Simon's example?

4. Try to put yourselves in the shoes of the different people in this scene. What do you think the woman was feeling as she approached Jesus? What about Simon the leper? How do you think Jesus was feeling as she approached? Why?

5. How does Jesus respond to the woman's offering? What about His disciples? In what ways should we follow her example?

6. Is there such a thing as "too much worship" for Jesus? Why? Why not? What does it mean to worship Jesus extravagantly?

7. John 12:1-8 tell us that the woman was Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus. Does the fact that Jesus had a relationship with this family change your understanding of the story? In what way? Do you think you are more or less likely to worship Jesus extravagantly the longer you know Him?

8. The disciples begin to complain about how the woman chooses to worship Jesus, are there examples of this kind of disagreement today? How should we respond? Are there times when our service to church or religion might point people away from Jesus? How do we avoid this problem?

9. What is the "good news" in verse 13?

10. If you could be remembered for one thing in your relationship with Jesus, what would it be?

Pray to Close