

Lesson Three: Love's Extravagance

Unlock with Questions:

1. What is your most valuable possession?
2. What is the best part about being in love?
3. What is the biggest sacrifice someone has made for you? Or, what is the biggest sacrifice you've made for someone?
4. What is the costliest gift anyone has ever given you?
5. Do you care about Jesus' opinion of you more than you do about others' opinions of you?

Unlock New Thoughts: John 12:1-8

Mary

Judas

Jesus

Unlock the Scriptures:

Read these stories of sacrificial giving and love. Jesus often calls us to give exponentially more of ourselves or our resources than seems comfortable, or even possible. What do you learn from these examples given to us in Scripture? What were the attitudes of the characters in the stories?

Genesis 22:1-18

1 Samuel 1:1–11

Acts 4:32–35

Hosea 1:2–3; 3:1–3

Luke 21:1–4

1 Samuel 20:12–17

2 Samuel 11:6–17

Lock It In: John 12:24–26

Lock It Down:

Take three minutes to complete a contemplative exercise with me. Imagine yourself in Mary's place in this story. What do you hear as you're eating, as you're anointing Jesus' feet, as Jesus defends you? What do you smell? What do you taste? What do you see around you? How do you feel as you leave the room and retrieve the perfume? Play the scene out like a movie in your mind with you as the main character.

Know that Jesus receives our gifts and sacrifices and honors them.

Bonus Features: More Resources; Conversation Starters at the Table or in the Car

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Go back to a time in your life when you fell in love and remember the emotions, the way you treated one another, the sacrifices you made for one another. Journal about that time and then consider how you might fall more in love with Jesus.