



Community Group Discussion Guide

October 6, 2013

Week 5 - Following Jesus

John 12:1-8

Read John 12:1-8 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

In this sermon series we're looking at nine of these 'crux of the matter' statements that are made by Jesus about some of life's most critical issues. Issues that have the potential to be life changing for every one of us.

Questions for Study

1. When Jesus called others to join Him, his invitation often included the words "Follow me." When you think about relating to Jesus, how much do you think of "following" Him? What does this look like?
2. Read Luke 9:23 and John 12:25-26. What do these verses add to how we are to understand following Jesus? What is your initial reaction to the costs associated with following Jesus?
3. "The cost of following Christ pales in comparison to the value of knowing Christ." Do you agree with this statement? Explain. Share any real life examples of this that you may be able to think of.
4. Read John 12:1-8. What costs does Mary sacrifice in this story? What does this say about her devotion to Jesus?
5. This passage shows how important motives are in following Jesus: Mary was following Jesus because of who He is. Judas was following Jesus because of what he thought he'd get. What are some different motives people may have for following Jesus? How do we keep the motive of "knowing and worshipping Jesus" primary?
6. What truths about Jesus Christ can fuel your devotion for Him? List at least 3-4, and explain how these truths reinforce the surpassing value of Jesus Christ.
7. Are there tangible sacrifices you need to make, that can show that Jesus is the most important Person in your life?