

## BE EXTRAVAGANT

TODAY'S TEXT: John 12:1-8

TODAY'S THEME: When Mary at Bethany anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume, it was a display of extravagant love for her Savior

It's okay to be...

### I. EXTRAVAGANT IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_

- A. A "Mary Heart" Is \_\_\_\_\_
- > She had a lavish love for Jesus
  - Perfume worth 10-12 month's wages

> Typical of Mary's heart

- B. A "Judas Heart" Is \_\_\_\_\_
- > He was exceedingly selfish
  - His words seemed \_\_\_\_\_

- Judas had a "heart" problem
- Our hearts try to justify our actions

*QUESTION* → Jesus is challenging us to be extravagant in our generosity. Do you have a generous heart towards God?

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### II. EXTRAVAGANT IN OUR \_\_\_\_\_

- A. A "Mary Attitude" Is \_\_\_\_\_
- > Her thanks was extravagant worship
  - She had much to be thankful for

*QUESTION* → Do we have anything to be thankful for?  
> It's okay to be extravagant in our worship!

- B. A "Judas Attitude" Is \_\_\_\_\_
- > When we cannot be thankful we cannot worship
  - Judas was not grateful to Jesus
  - He seemed incapable of understanding true \_\_\_\_\_
  - Hebrews 12:28

*QUESTION* → How is your attitude of gratitude? Jesus is challenging us to be extravagant in our thankful worship.

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### III. EXTRAVAGANT IN \_\_\_\_\_

- A. A "Mary Life" Is Full Of \_\_\_\_\_
- > She had experienced grace from God
  - Mary understood the importance of living graciously
- > Those saved by grace are the \_\_\_\_\_ of life
- 2 Corinthians 2:15-16

- B. A "Judas Life" Is Full Of \_\_\_\_\_
- > He was \_\_\_\_\_
  - Judas was quick to object to Mary's lavish display of love for Jesus
- > Bitterness is always a stark contrast to sweet anointing

*QUESTION* → Are you willing to go beyond your normal level of grace? Jesus is challenging us to be extravagant grace-givers!

CONCLUSION: "How much are you worth?"

## LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS:

### OPENING QUESTIONS:

- > What is one gift you have received that stands out in your memory?
- > If you had a year's wages to spend on your friends, which would you choose:
  - a) Big party for all?
  - b) Glorious trip with a few?
  - c) Extravagant gift for one?

### READ John 12:1-8.

- > If you had been there, knowing the value of the perfume (v.5), how would you have reacted as you watched Mary? Why?
- > How does Jesus interpret and justify Mary's action?
- > If you had a year's salary or time to use for Christ, how would you use it? How is that reflected in your budget and priorities currently?
- Pastor Dairn's sermon was about having extravagant generosity, gratitude, and grace because of Jesus Christ.
  - > Think about and share how you can **give, worship, and forgive** extravagantly (more than you usually do) in the coming week.

**PRAY** for any needs in your group, and also for opportunities to show God how grateful you are for HIS extravagance in YOUR life.