

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of April 11, 2021

MY STORY

How do you typically respond to a new idea or a challenging situation? Why do you think that is?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

Which of the people in our scripture today are you more like when it comes to how you respond to Jesus?

Like Martha, all Christians are to be engaged in selfless service. What are the gifts you use to respond to Jesus in service?

What is your witness story for Jesus? How has he changed your life?

Why was Mary's gift itself so significant? How was it foreshadowing the cross?

Why is Mary's gift a picture of extravagant love?

What might extravagant love for Christ look like now?

What are you willing to lay at the feet of Jesus as you consider what he has done for you?

Are there times in your life that you are dangerously close to the selfish hypocrisy of Judas? Explain.

Are there times in your life that you are dangerously close to the superficiality of the crowds in this passage? Explain.

What are the next steps you need to take in your response to Jesus?

PRAYER REQUEST

Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Jeff & Mary Townsend as they serve with International Students.

Woodcutting We will be cutting and stacking wood this Saturday, April 17th at 9am. Hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Bring a side dish if you want!



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

Responding to Jesus

John 12:1-11 (ESV) Kirk Greenstreet April 11, 2021

- I Martha – We can respond by Serving**
 - Be like Martha, respond to Jesus by serving Him
- II Lazarus – We can respond with the Witness of our Life**
 - Be like Lazarus, respond to what Jesus has done for you by being a witness for him.
- III Mary – We can respond with Humble Extravagance**
 - What are you willing to lay at the feet of Jesus as you consider what he has done for you?
- IV Judas – We can respond with Hypocritical Selfishness**
 - What are you choosing instead of Jesus?
- V The Crowd – We can respond Superficially**
 - Are you stuck in that in-between place of being spiritually indifferent?
- VI The Jewish Leaders – We can respond with an Evil Hostility**