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Week 20 | THE POWER OF WORSHIP | John 12:1-11

YOUR CHRISTIANITY IS MEANT TO BE RADICAL NOT MODERATE

What does a man do to make people so radical? It's undeniable the disciples were radically different people after they met Jesus. As you read the gospels, you can sincerely say that their lives were transformed. Peter and John were willing to abandon a business and livelihood. Matthew was willing to turn away from his exploitative tax collecting. Zacchaeus was willing to reimburse the people he had ripped off by a factor of 4. And Mary of Bethany was willing to rebel against the world's system by extravagantly worshiping Jesus, emptying her future financial security in an unparalleled act of worship over the head and feet of Christ. Worship is powerful!! It powerfully blesses the heart of God. And it powerfully releases you from the clutches of self and materialism.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



As a Life Group, take time to reflect and pray over this weekend's message. Reflect on how your life has changed since you met Jesus and how He has made you a worshiper.

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Discuss worship. How do you define it? How would you describe it? What does it mean to be a worshiper? How do you see it exemplified in Scripture? Use the two statements below as part of the conversation.

WORSHIP ISN'T JUST SOMETHING YOU DO, IT'S WHO YOU ARE. YOU WORSHIP BECAUSE YOU'RE A WORSHIPER.

WORSHIPER: SOMEONE WHO VALUES JESUS ABOVE ALL OTHER THINGS AND BRINGS ALL OF THEIR LIFE INTO SUBMISSION TO THAT CONVICTION AND BELIEF. DECISIONS, DREAMS, TEMPTATIONS, POSSESSIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, TIME, AND TALENT (AND MORE) ALL BECOME PATHWAYS OF WORSHIPING GOD.

2. How is every aspect of the gathering on Sunday mornings an expression of worship to Jesus? Explain the purpose of why we come and how the different aspects (singing, studying, giving, etc.) are acts of worship. What are the correlations between our gatherings and this gathering mentioned in John 12:1-11?



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WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US. 1 JOHN 4:19

WORSHIP IS RECESSION PROOF. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS AROUND YOU, YOU CAN ALWAYS WORSHIP.

3. One of the ways you can rebel against the world's system is by being radical in your worship. For example, in the story we have studied, Mary rebelled against the idea that self-needs come first, and that real security and satisfaction are found in possessions. But radical worship is not limited to how we handle our possessions. **Discuss how you can be more radical in your worship. What has held you back? And what examples do you see in the church that encourage you to worship more radically?**

THE VOICE THAT CAUTIONS YOU TO MODERATE YOUR WORSHIP DOES NOT COME FROM GOD.



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

LUKE 12:15

Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.



RESOURCE TO BUILD DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Pastor Derek has assembled additional resources to help you build a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit on the sermon series page on our website. You can find it by scanning here or click on the link found on our homepage.

DEEPER DIVE: Read and study **Matthew 19:16-22**; **Mark 10:17-27**. Consider what was holding this young man back from being a worshiper and why.



REACH

(5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, do something radical as an expression of worship to God. Pray deeply about it and take a step of faith. This act of worship can be private or public.

